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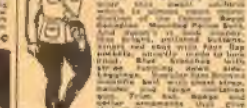
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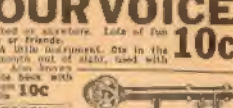
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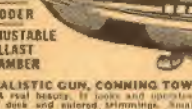
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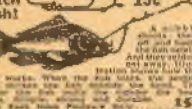
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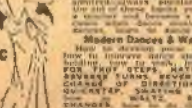
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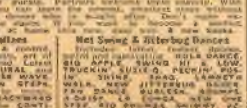
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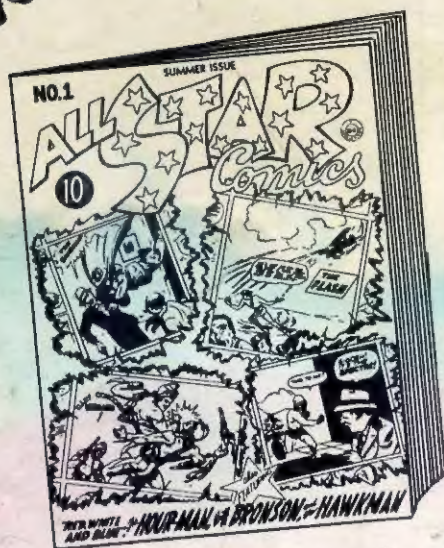
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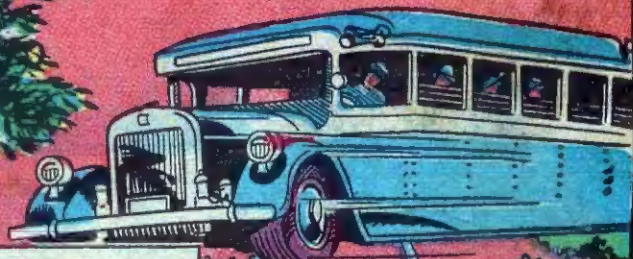
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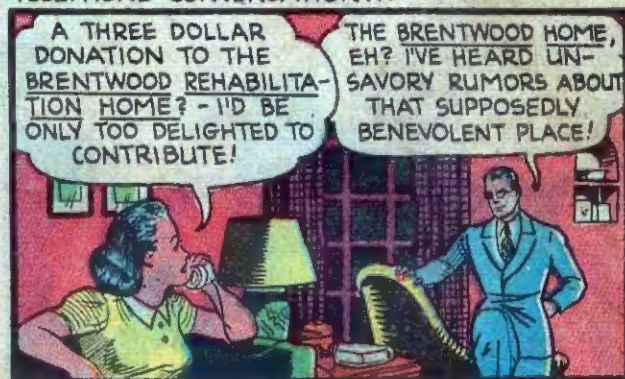
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HEARTLESS CRIMINALS EXPLOIT THE HELPLESS AND UNFORTUNATE! CLARK KENT AND HIS DUAL SELF, DYNAMIC **SUPERMAN**, BATTLE SIDE BY SIDE WITH PRETTY LOIS LANE, COURAGEOUS GIRL REPORTER, TO STAMP OUT THE EVIL GENIUSES OF CRIME AND CORRUPTION!



I CAN STILL HARDLY BELIEVE IT! LOIS HAS ACTUALLY CONSENTED TO GO OUT ON A DATE WITH ME TONIGHT!

ADMITTING CLARK, LOIS FINISHES HER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION...



A THREE DOLLAR DONATION TO THE BRENTWOOD REHABILITATION HOME? - I'D BE ONLY TOO DELIGHTED TO CONTRIBUTE!

THE BRENTWOOD HOME, EH? I'VE HEARD UNSAVORY RUMORS ABOUT THAT SUPPOSEDLY BENEVOLENT PLACE!



YOU HAVE, EH? AND WOULD YOU MIND REPEATING THEM TO ME?

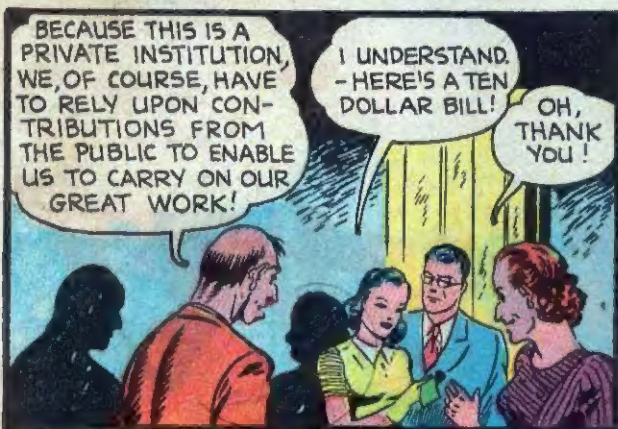
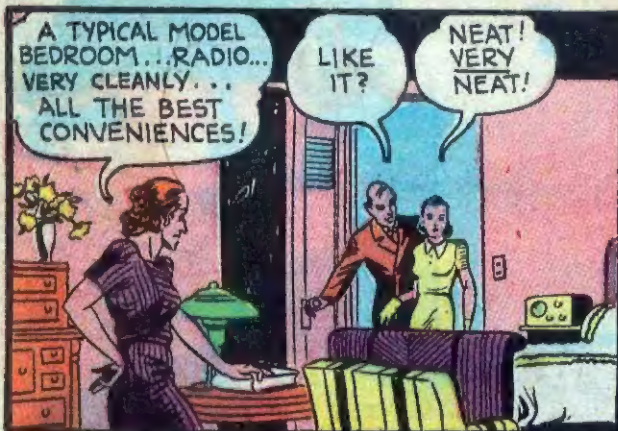
NOT AT ALL! BRIEFLY--IT'S WHISPERED THAT THE HOME IS BEING RUN BY A HYPOCRITICAL COUPLE WHOSE SOLE INTEREST IS NOT IN THEIR YOUNG CHARGES, BUT IN INFLATING THEIR BANK ACCOUNT!

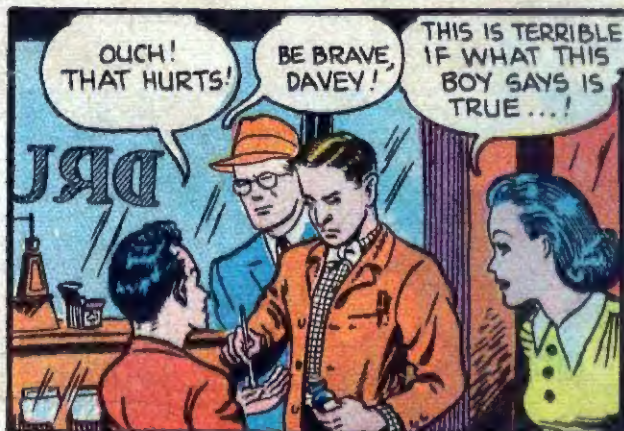
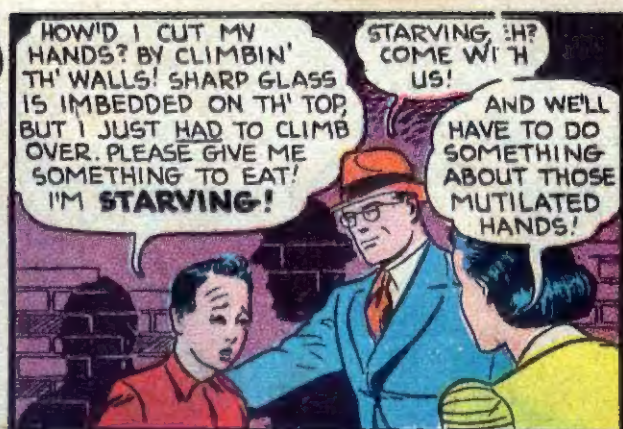


I'M POSITIVE YOU'RE WRONG! AND TO PROVE IT--WE'LL VISIT THE HOME AND INVESTIGATE!

OKAY...BUT HERE GO MY EXPECTATIONS OF A QUIET, DELIGHTFUL EVENING ALONE WITH YOU!

WHEN THEY REACH THEIR DESTINATION...





WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY, LOIS AND DAVEY RE-ENTER THE BRENTWOOD HOME'S GROUNDS.. BUT AS THEY NEAR THE FORBIDDING EDIFICE'S ENTRANCE...





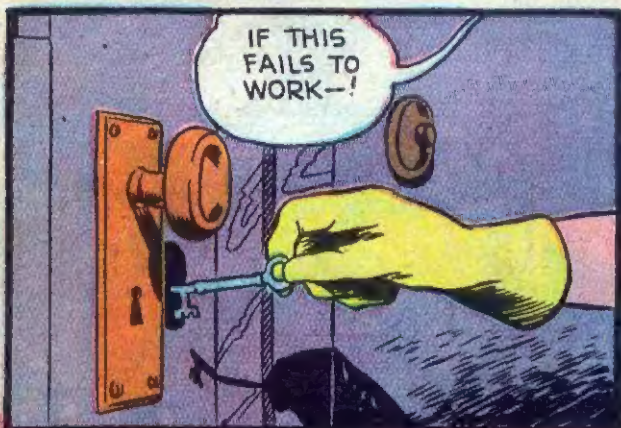
BLACK SATAN?

I SHOULDA WARNED VA! THEY LEAVE HIM LOOSE SO WE WON'T DARE LEAVE TH' HOME! IF HE CATCHES US WE'RE **GONERS!**



HURRY! HURRY!

IF I CAN ONLY FIND THAT **SKELETON KEY!**



IF THIS FAILS TO WORK--!

AS THE LOCK CLICKS, LOIS CAN SCARCELY RESTRAIN A CHEER! SHE AND THE BOY LEAP THRU THE DOORWAY...



HE'D HAVE HAD US IN ANOTHER SECOND!

SLAM TH' DOOR!



JUST IN TIME!

WHEW!



BLACK SATAN BARKING! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG!

THE TWO INTRUDERS TIPTOE THRU THE DARKENED HOME...



SEE! THIS IS WHERE WE **REALLY SLEEP!**

CRAMMED TOGETHER LIKE CATTLE!--YOU CAN RETIRE, DAVEY, WHILE I CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR EVIDENCE!

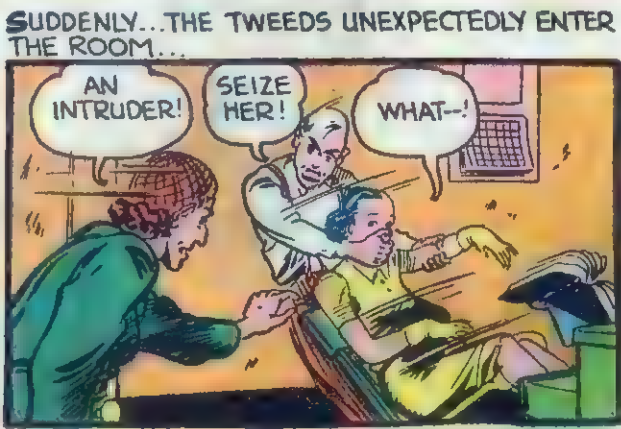
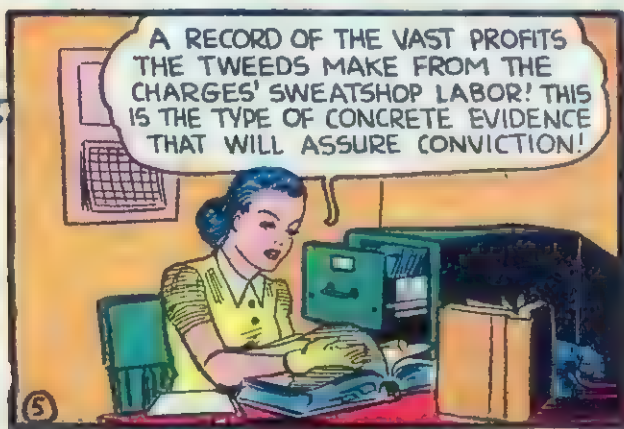
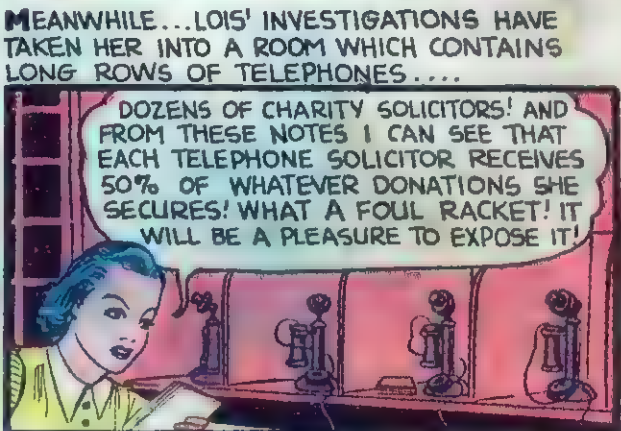
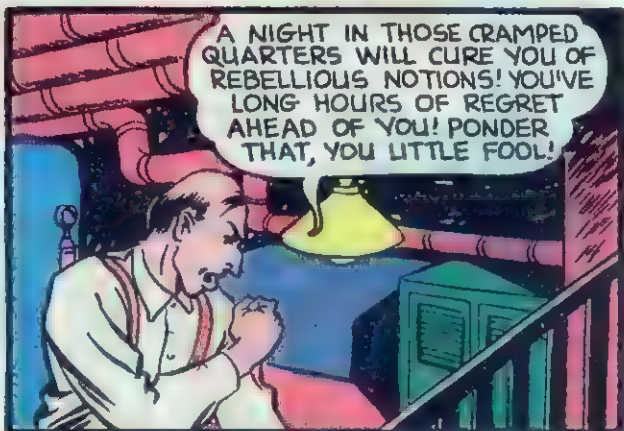
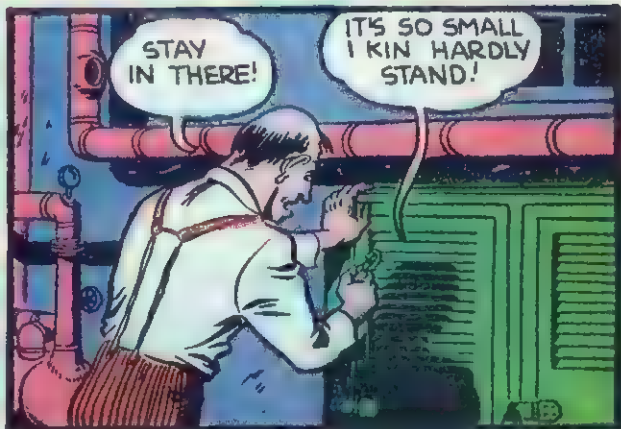
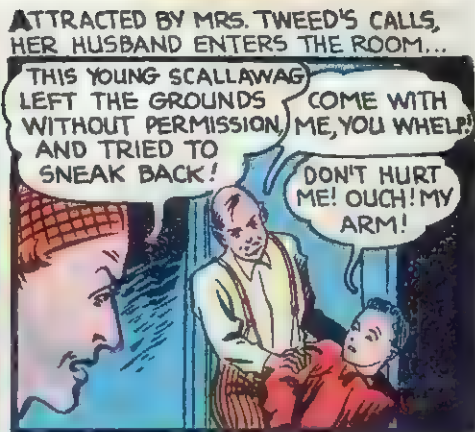
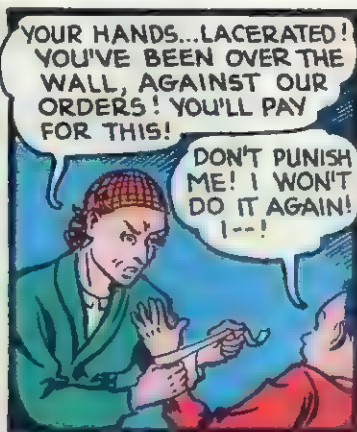


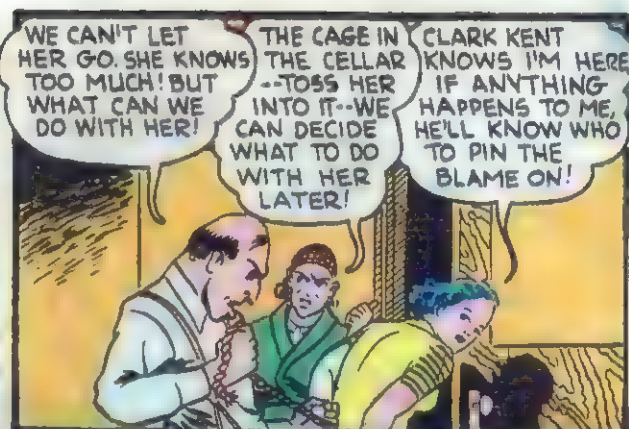
THE TWEEDS MUST TERRIFY THEIR YOUNG CHARGES SO THOROUGHLY THAT THEY DON'T TALK EVEN AFTER THEY LEAVE THE HOME!



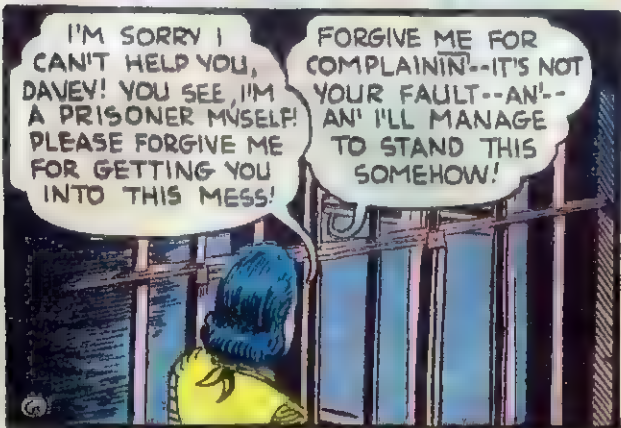
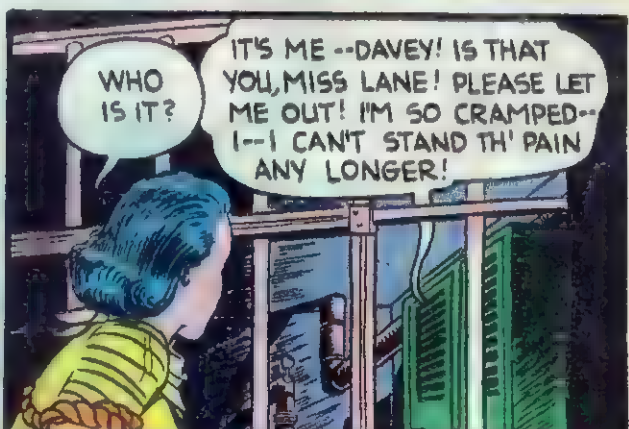
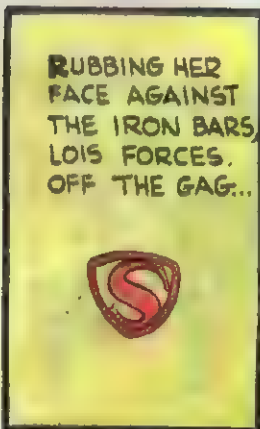
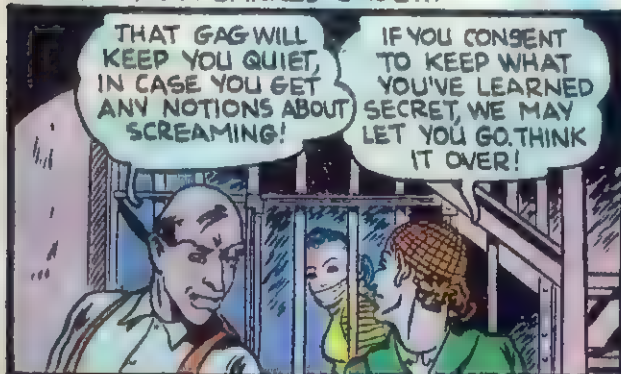
M-MRS. TWEED!

DAVEY MERRILL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT OF YOUR BED--AND FULLY CLAD?

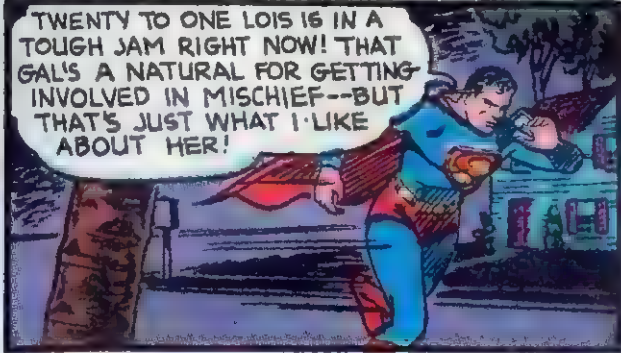




JOURNEYING TO THE CELLAR, THE COUPLE LOCK LOIS WITHIN A BARRED CAGE...



BUT UNKNOWN TO LOIS, HELP IS ON ITS WAY!
CLARK HAS CHANGED INTO HIS **SUPERMAN** COS-
TUME AND STREAKS TOWARD THE HOME



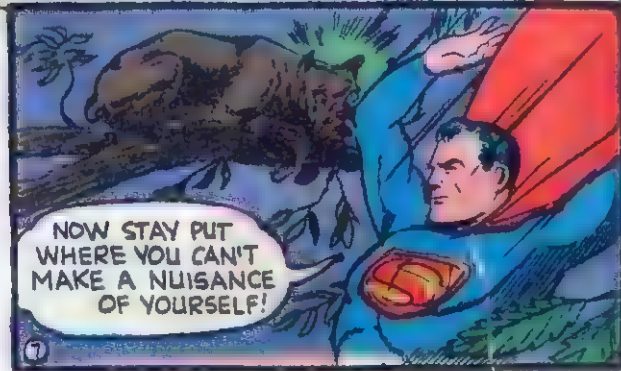
AS **SUPERMAN** CREEPS CAUTIOUSLY TOWARD THE HOME, **BLACK SATAN** SILENTLY CREEPS UP FROM BEHIND, AND CROUCHES...



FEROCIOUSLY, THE HOUND BITES AT **SUPERMAN**... BUT TO ITS PUZZLEMENT, ITS SHARP FANGS LEAVE NO IM-PRESSION UPON THE **MAN OF STEEL'S** SUPER-TOUGH SKIN...!



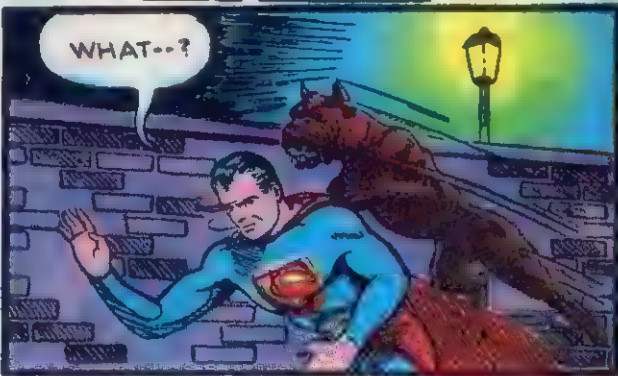
DEPOSITING IT UPON A TREE LIMB HIGH ABOVE THE GROUND, **SUPERMAN** LEAPS DOWN...



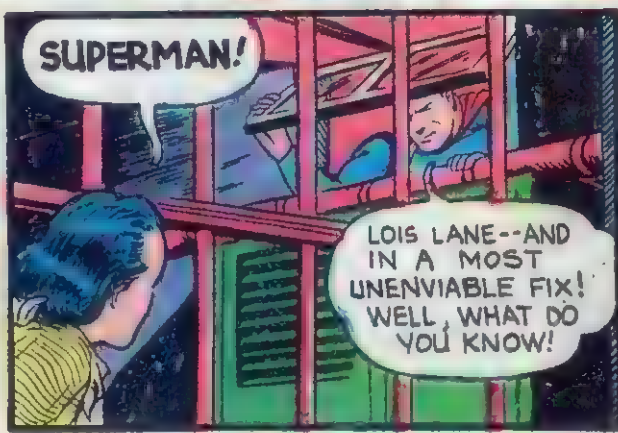
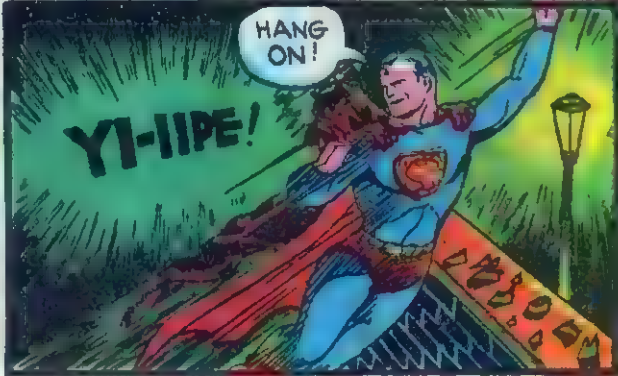
A LITHE LEAP CARRIES THE **MAN OF TOMORROW** OVER THE WALL...

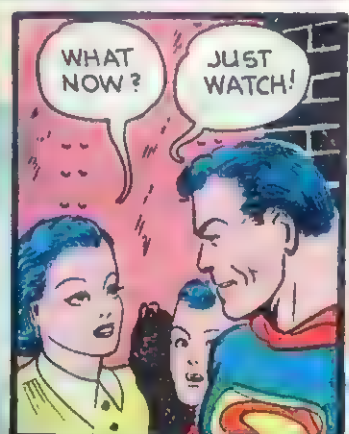
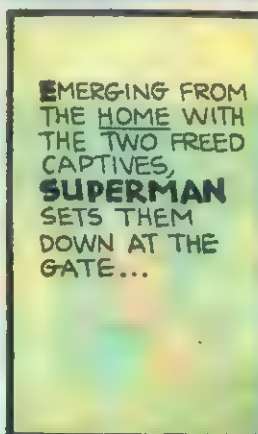
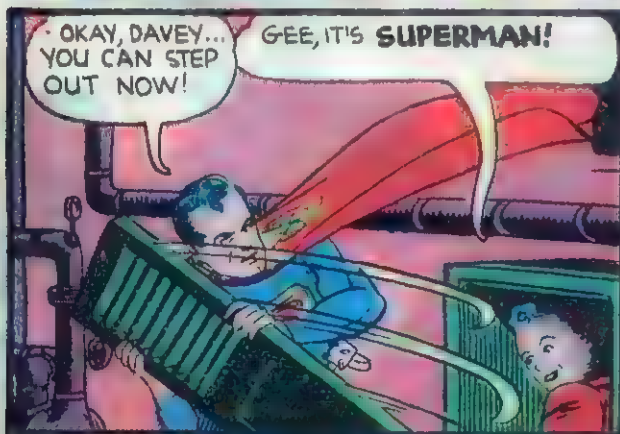
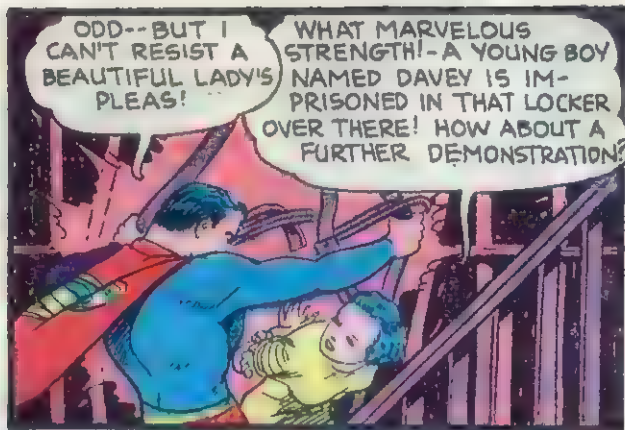
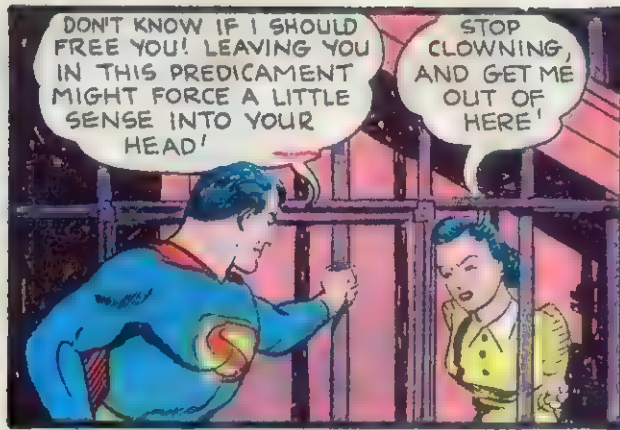


SUDDENLY, A STREAK OF BLACK FURY LANDS UPON THE **MAN OF TOMORROW'S** BACK!



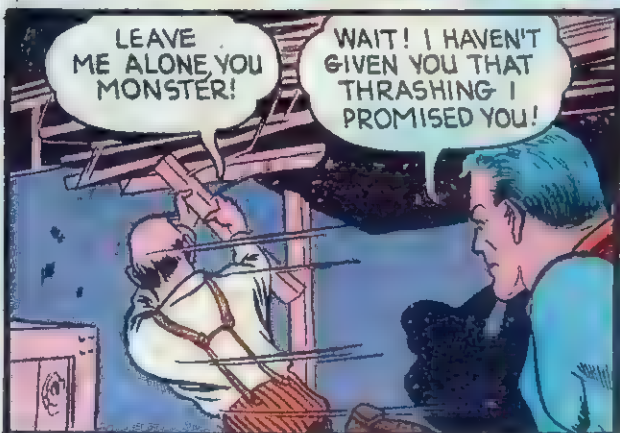
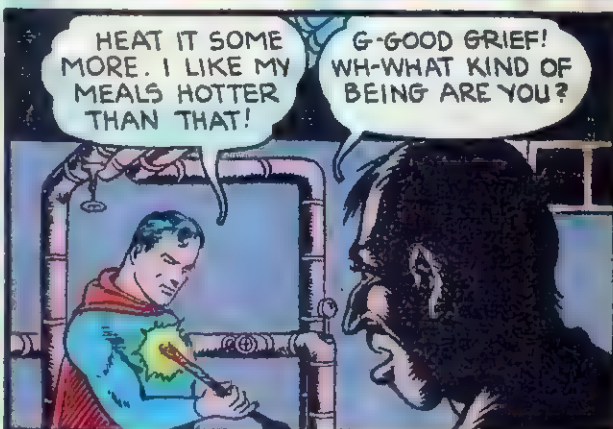
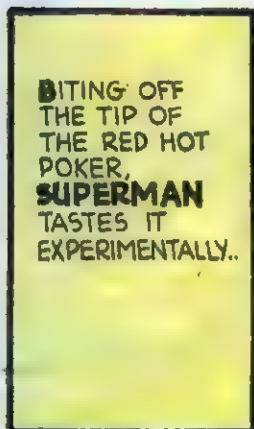
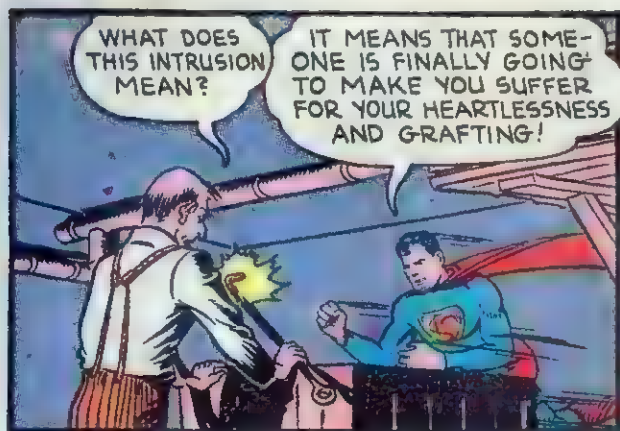
ABRUPTLY...UP INTO THE SKY LEAPS **SUPERMAN**...



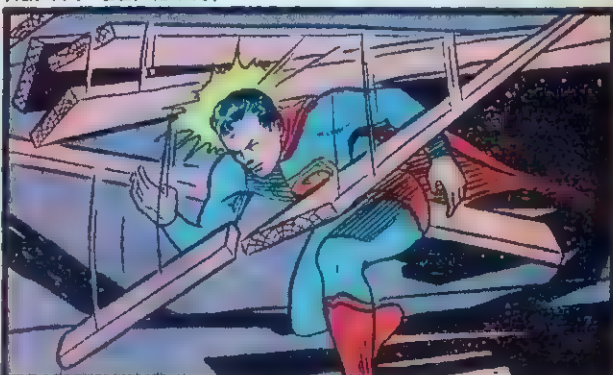


A TERRIFIC YANK -- AND DOWN CLATTER THE MASSIVE GATES...

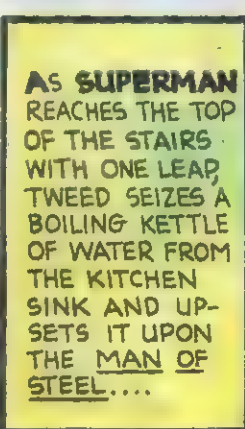




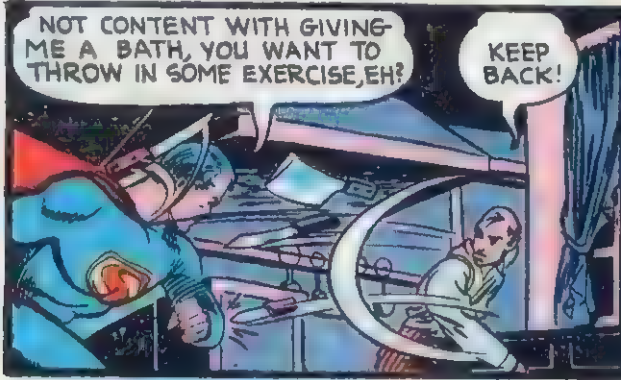
DOWN UPON **SUPERMAN** CASCADES THE HEAVY LUMBER.



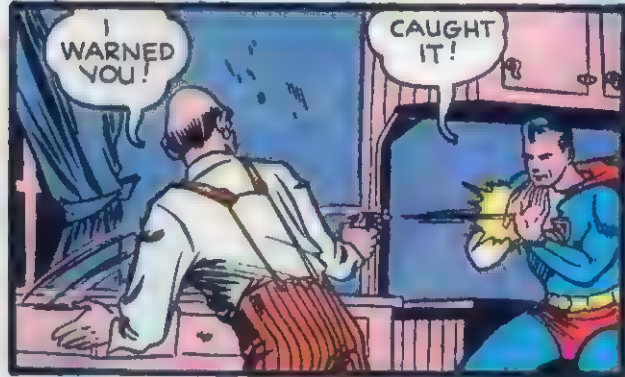
ONE BLOW FROM **SUPERMAN'S** POWERFUL FIST SENDS THE BOARDS FLYING...BUT THE INTERVAL ENABLES TWEED TO REACH THE STAIRS...



UNINJURED, **SUPERMAN** ADVANCES INTO A BARRAGE OF KNIVES...



AS TWEED SNATCHES A GUN FROM A DRAWER AND FIRES...



AS TWEED FIRES AGAIN, **SUPERMAN** SHOOTS THE SECOND BULLET OUT OF THE AIR WITH THE FIRST HE HAD CAUGHT.



AH-HH--HAVEN'T LOST MY SKILL AT SHOOTING, MARBLES

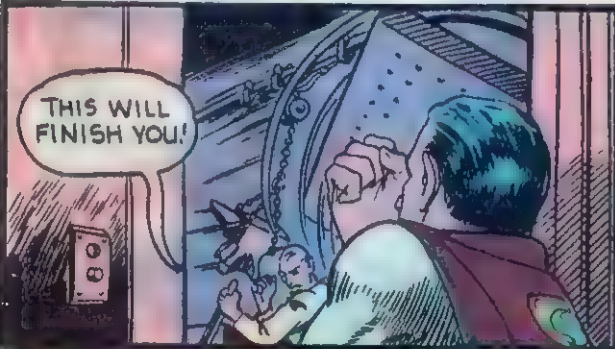


TERRIFIED AT THIS ASTONISHING DEMONSTRATION OF INVULNERABILITY, TWEED SPRINGS THRU A DOOR, SLAMS IT SHUT, AND BOLTS IT FEVERISHLY...

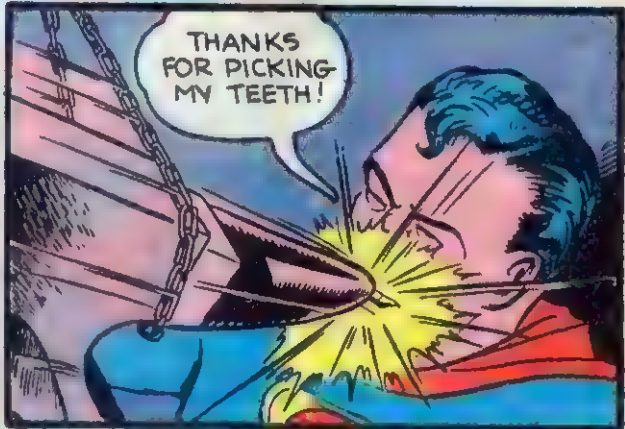
I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE..THIS MUST BE A NIGHTMARE!



A STRAIGHT-ARM JAB FROM THE MAN OF STEEL AND THE DOOR IS FLUNG OFF ITS HINGES! BUT HE FACES A NEW MENACE!



THANKS FOR PICKING MY TEETH!



AS TWEED PULLS A SWITCH, TWO GREAT SHEARS SNAP TOGETHER--AND SMASH INTO FRAGMENTS UPON **SUPERMAN'S** BODY...



MEANWHILE...

DAVEY WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE PLANET, BUT I'VE A HUNCH **SUPERMAN** IS GOING TO TOWN IN THERE, AND I WOULDN'T WANT TO MISS IT FOR ANYTHING!



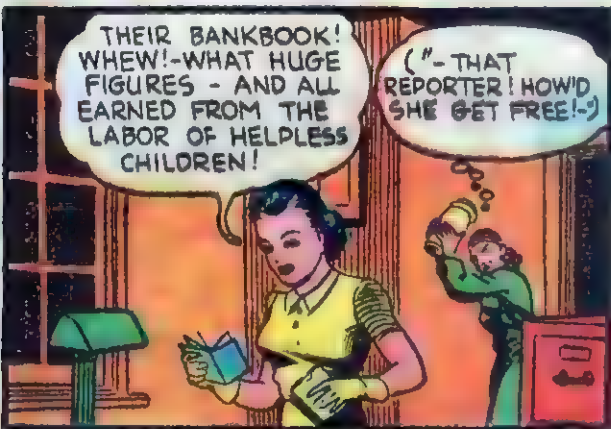
ONCE AGAIN, USING HER SKELETON KEY, LOIS STEALTHILY ENTERS...

IF I CAN ONLY GET MORE OF THEIR CROOKED RECORDS!



THEIR BANKBOOK! WHEW!-WHAT HUGE FIGURES - AND ALL EARNED FROM THE LABOR OF HELPLESS CHILDREN!

("- THAT REPORTER! HOW'D SHE GET FREE!-)

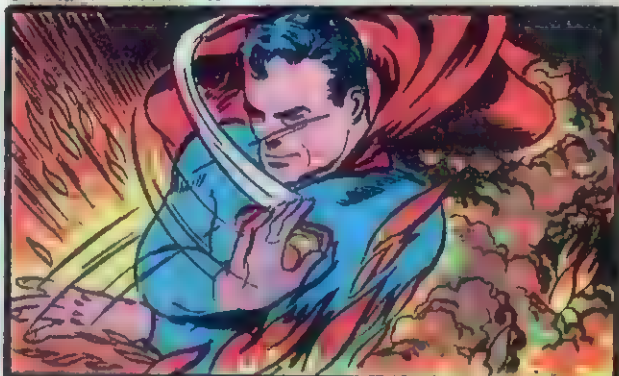
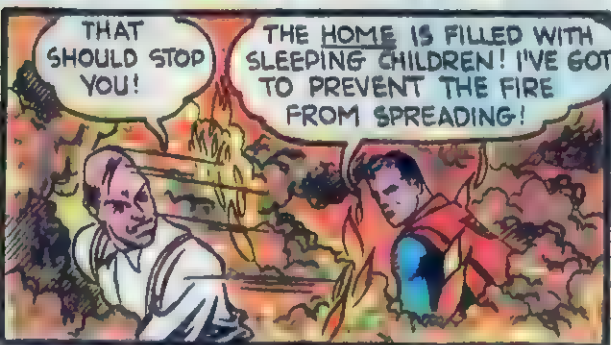


MEANWHILE, AS **SUPERMAN** IS ABOUT TO SEIZE TWEED, THE GRAFTER SPILLS MOLTEN METAL ON THE FLOOR AND LIGHTS SMASHED GAS-LINES...

SUPERMAN BEATS THE FLAMES WITH HIS BARE HANDS...

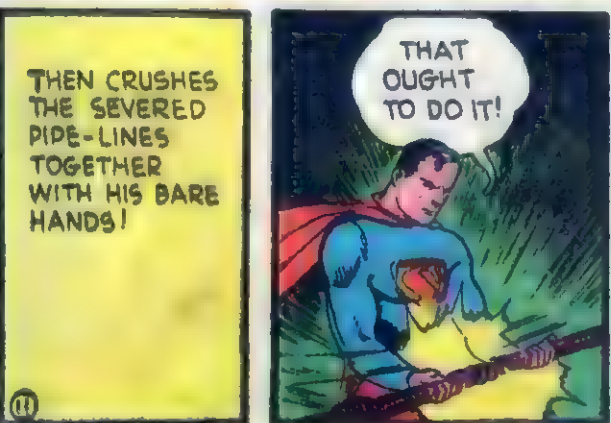
THAT SHOULD STOP YOU!

THE HOME IS FILLED WITH SLEEPING CHILDREN! I'VE GOT TO PREVENT THE FIRE FROM SPREADING!



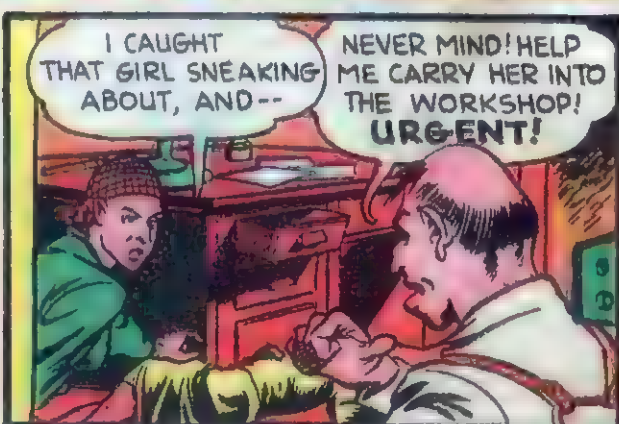
THEN CRUSHES THE SEVERED PIPE-LINES TOGETHER WITH HIS BARE HANDS!

THAT OUGHT TO DO IT!

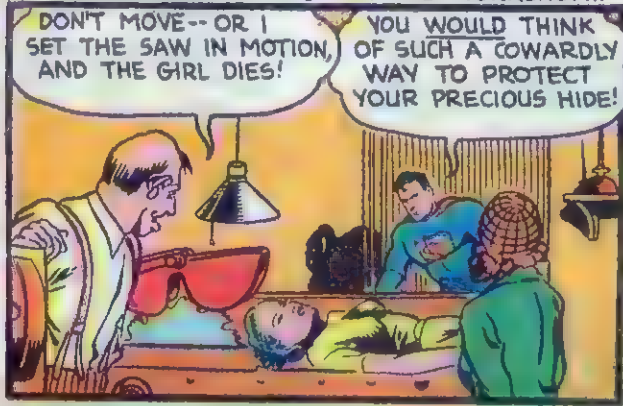


I CAUGHT THAT GIRL SNEAKING ABOUT, AND--

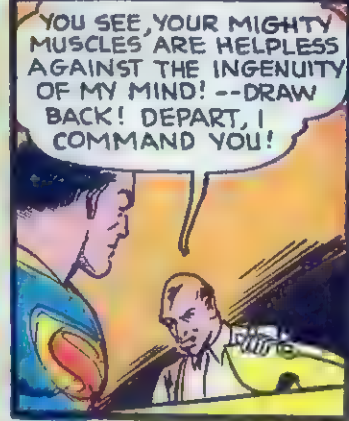
NEVER MIND! HELP ME CARRY HER INTO THE WORKSHOP! URGENT!



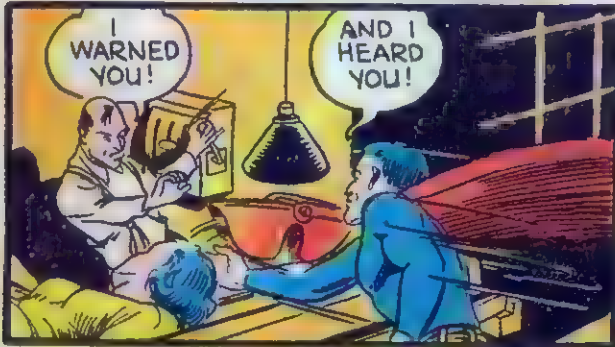
AS **SUPERMAN** BURSTS INTO THE WORKSHOP...



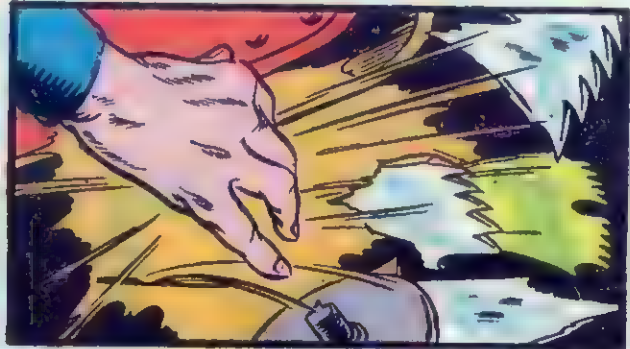
AS THE MAN OF STEEL STANDS APPARENTLY HELPLESS TO ACT, A SMIRK CROSSES TWEEDS' FEATURES...



WITHOUT WARNING, **SUPERMAN** SUDDENLY LEAPS FORWARD AND THRUSTS HIS HAND BETWEEN LOIS' HEAD AND THE BUZZSAW!



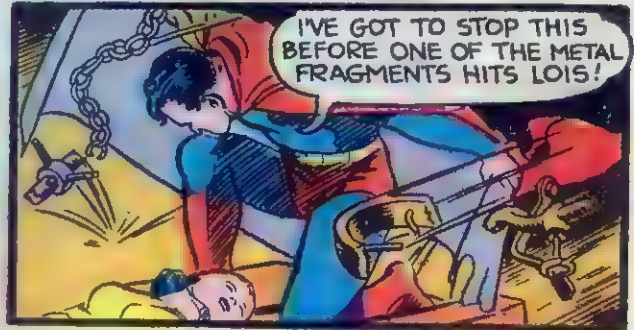
AS THE DEADLY WHIRLING BUZZSAW COMES INTO CONTACT WITH THE **MAN OF STEEL'S** HAND, IT BURSTS INTO BITS...



WHILE **SUPERMAN** SNAPS LOIS' BONDS, TWEED FLINGS THE MASTER SWITCH, SENDING ALL THE MOTORS RACING AT TOP SPEED, AND DASHES FROM THE ROOM WITH HIS WIFE...



UNABLE TO STAND THE TERRIFIC STRAIN, THE MACHINERY WRENCHES LOOSE AND FLIES THRU THE AIR IN JAGGED FRAGMENTS. **SUPERMAN** PROTECTS LOIS WITH HIS BODY...



SUPERMAN PLACES HIS FINGER WITHIN A LIGHT SOCKET. RESULT: A BLINDING FLASH! A SHORT CIRCUIT!



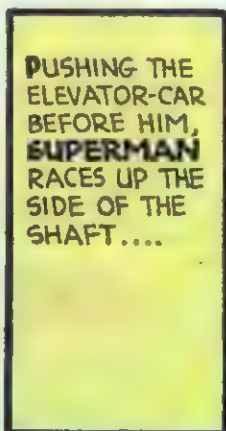
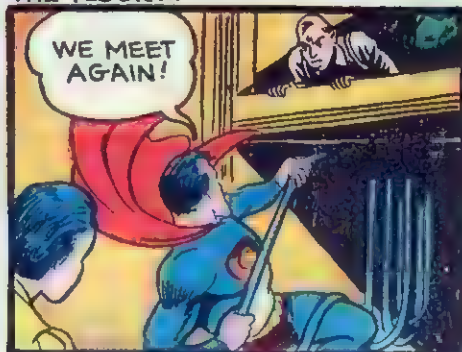
AS **SUPERMAN** EMERGES INTO THE HALL, FOLLOWED BY LOIS, THE TWEEDS LEAP INTO THE ELEVATOR WITH THEIR RECORDS...



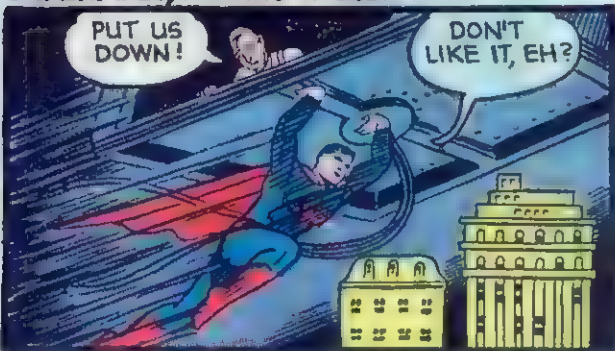
LEAPING FORWARD, **SUPERMAN** RIPS OPEN THE ELEVATOR DOOR!



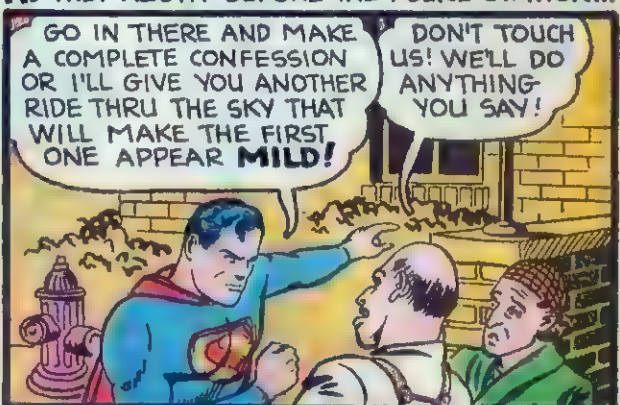
SEIZING THE CABLE, **SUPERMAN** PULLS THE ELEVATOR-CAR BACK TO THE FLOOR...



CRASH! THE ELEVATOR-CAR EMERGES THRU THE TOP OF THE HOME! ACROSS THE SKY STREAKS **SUPERMAN**, HOLDING IT OVERHEAD...



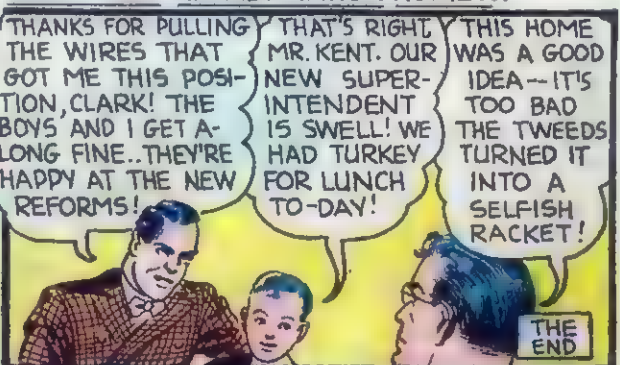
AS THEY ALIGHT BEFORE THE POLICE STATION...



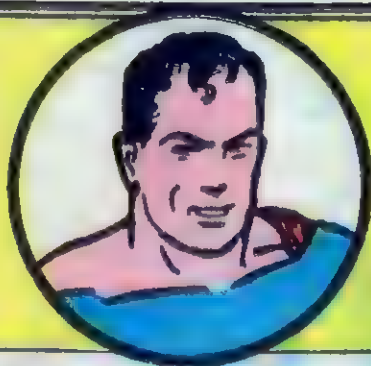
LATER -- AT THE DAILY-PLANET...



CLARK INTERVIEWS THE NEW HEAD OF THE BRENTWOOD REHABILITATION HOME...



THE END



SUPERMEN OF AMERICA

GREETINGS again, Members! Well, the 2006 Prizes in the GIGANTIC SUPERMAN CONTEST have all been sent out to the winners. I hope they're being enjoyed as much as we enjoyed sending them out. There have been a good many letters sent to me by the winners, thanking me for the prizes and telling how pleased the recipients are to have them. Perhaps it wouldn't be amiss to print a few of these letters.

William Whipple, of Arnold, Maryland, writes:
Dear SUPERMAN:

I want you to know that I am greatly pleased with the prize you sent me. I am glad to get your letter saying so many boys and girls write to you. That just shows you how much we like your comic book

And here's one from Harold Ringler, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, which says:

Dear SUPERMAN:

I want to thank you for giving me first prize in your contest. Words cannot convey my gratitude, because I have always wanted a typewriter, and I feel if I ever do obtain any success as a writer, I will owe my first start to SUPERMAN!

Thanks, Harold, for those kind words. And I trust that you will have success as a writer.

One of our girl Members, Joyce Smeriglia of Lawrence, Massachusetts, writes:

Dear SUPERMAN:

I thank you very, very much for the roller skates you sent as a prize to me. Why, they're beautiful, and roll dandy. I also want you to know that I listen to your radio program every Monday, Wednesday and

Friday and I enjoy it very much. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the skates.

Well, it certainly makes me feel good to know that I have so many good friends! And now, here's one more letter. It's from Robert McDonald, who lives in Girardville, Pennsylvania. Bob says:

Dear SUPERMAN:

I received the ring you sent me as a prize in the SUPERMAN contest, and I think it is the best of all the rings I have ever had. I thank you very much.

You're quite welcome, Bob, and my thanks to you for writing me such a nice note.

I wish we could print *all* the letters, but I'm afraid that would take up pretty nearly the entire magazine, and I know you're all anxious to find plenty of good comics on these pages. So to all of you who have sent letters—*thanks!*

There will be other SUPERMAN contests in the future, and other dandy prizes to be won by Members of the SUPERMEN OF AMERICA, so I'd suggest that if you are not already a Member, you fill out the coupon on this page and **BECOME A MEMBER AT ONCE**. Remember, when these contests come along, only Members of the SUPERMEN OF AMERICA are eligible to enter.

We greet all new Members who have joined our ranks during the past month, and we say to *all* our Members: Remember the slogan and aims of SUPERMEN OF AMERICA—to do our best to make **STRENGTH, COURAGE and JUSTICE** a real part of our everyday lives.

Sincerely, CLARK KENT

SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE!

(Code Mars No. 1)

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Dear Superman:

Please enroll me as a Charter Member of the SUPERMEN of AMERICA I enclose 10c to cover cost of mailing. It is understood that I am to receive my Membership Certificate, Button and Superman Code.

NAME..... AGE.....

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HERE COMES SUPERMAN AGAIN!

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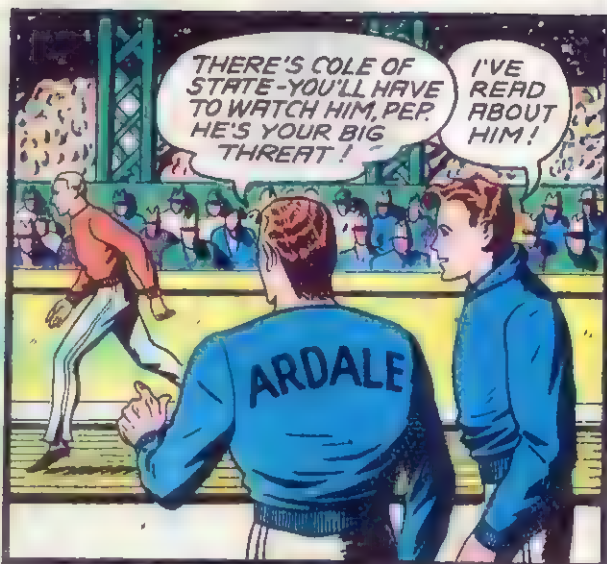
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ALL BRAND NEW!
ON SALE JULY 10th
AT ALL NEWSSTANDS

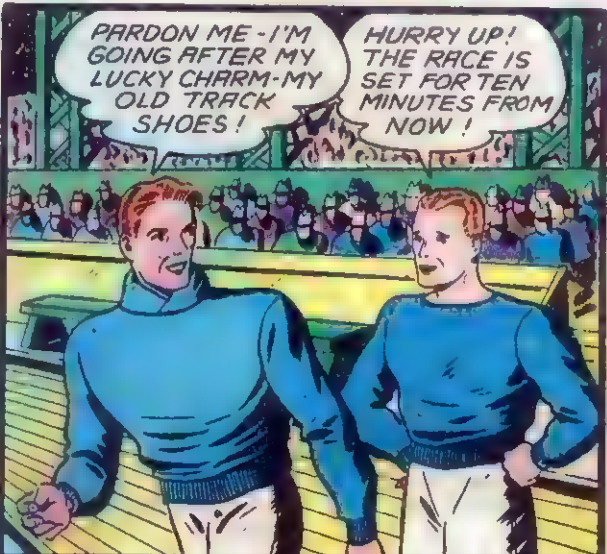
PEP MORGAN

BY GENE BAXTER

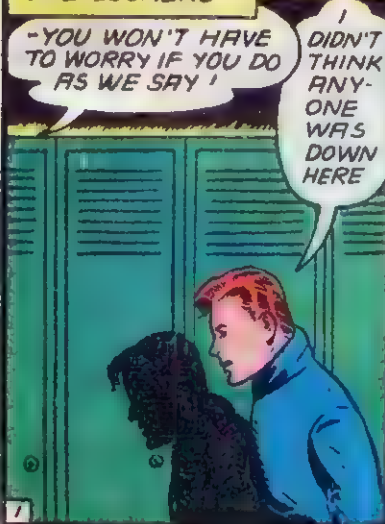
DURING THE INDOOR TRACK SEASON PEP IS FAVORED TO WIN THE ANNUAL FOXX QUARTER-MILE RACE FOR ARDALE COLLEGE. THE EVENT IS HELD AT MADDON CIRCLE GARDEN, MEETING PLACE OF THE WINTER SPORTS FANS...



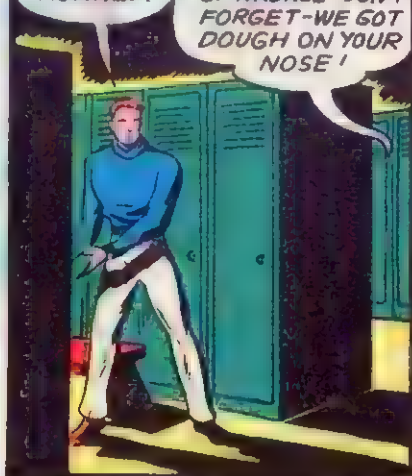
PEP ADMIRES COLE'S SUPERB RUNNING FORM...



AS PEP PASSES BETWEEN THE LOCKERS -

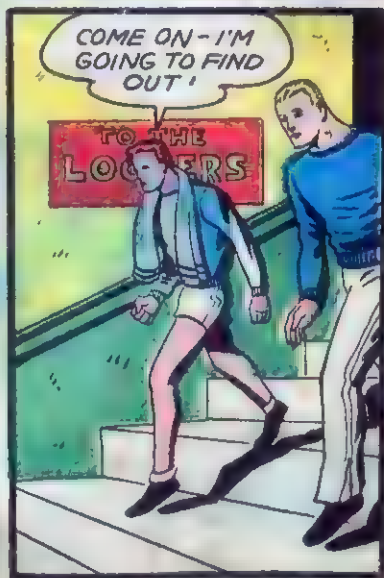
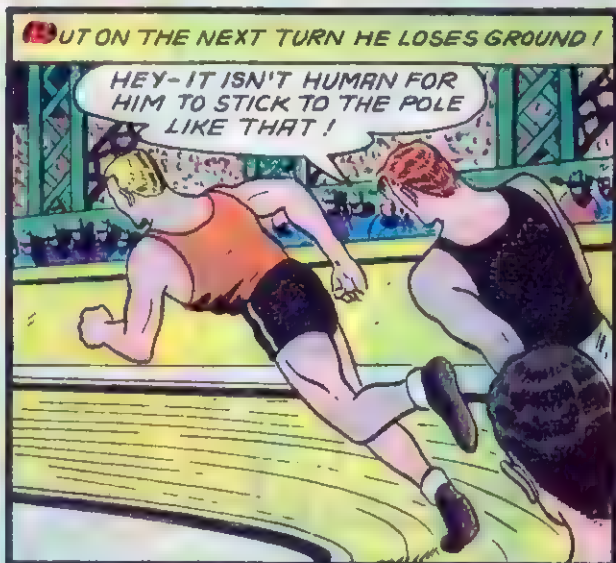
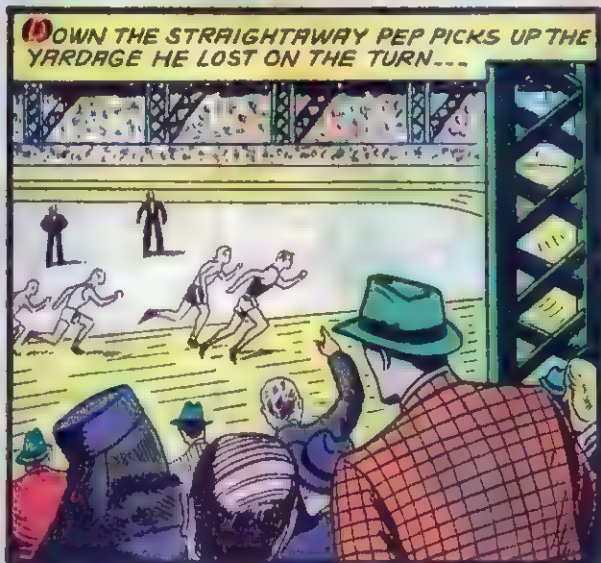
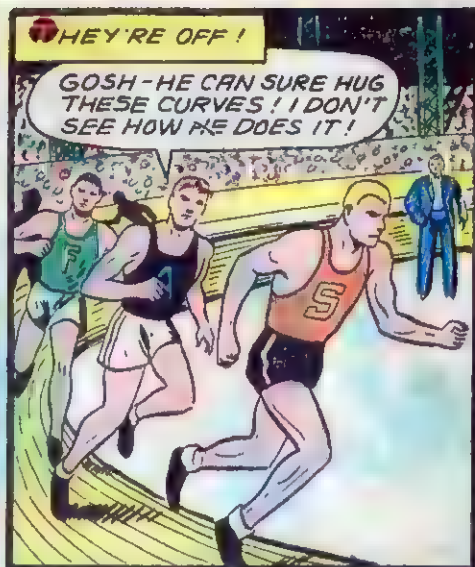
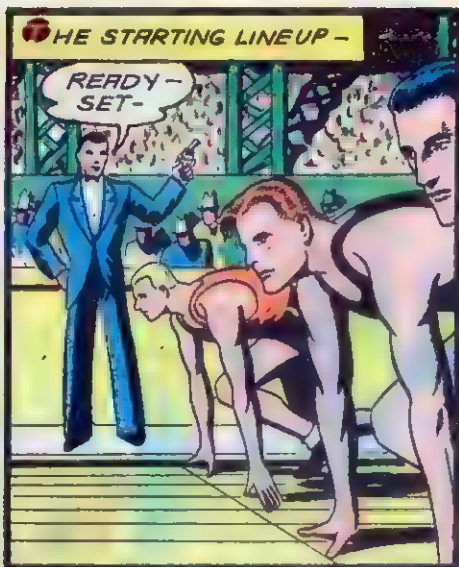
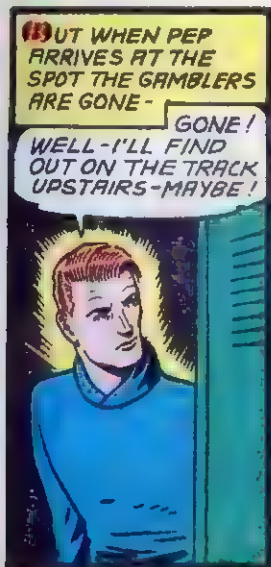


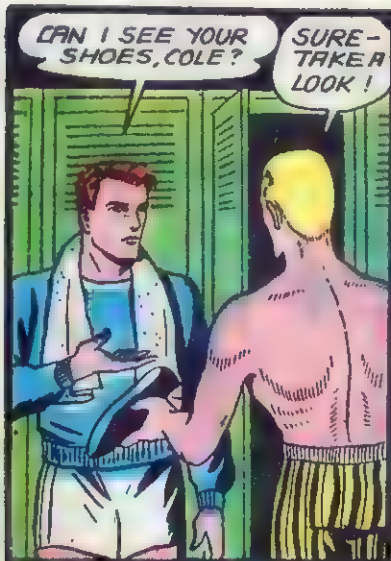
GEE - GAMBLERS BRIBING A RUNNER!



PEP DASHES ALONG THE LOCKER LINE -

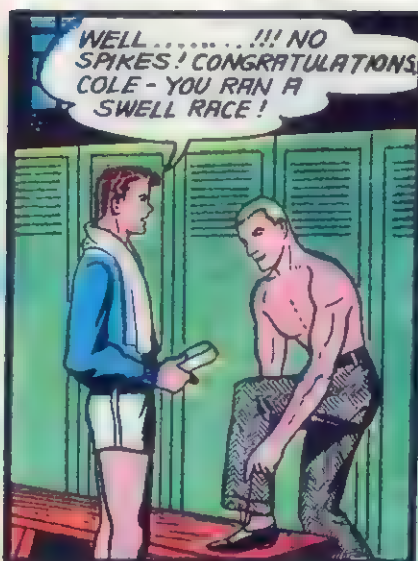




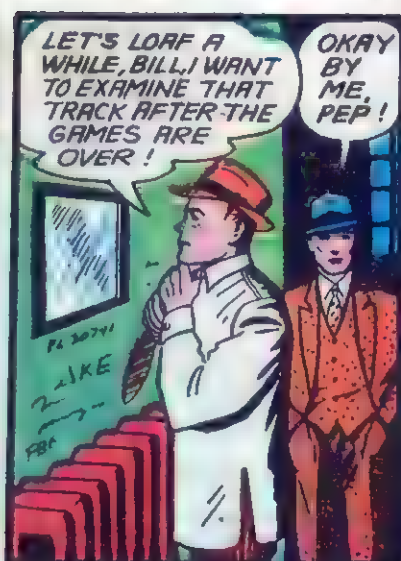


CAN I SEE YOUR SHOES, COLE?

SURE - TAKE A LOOK!

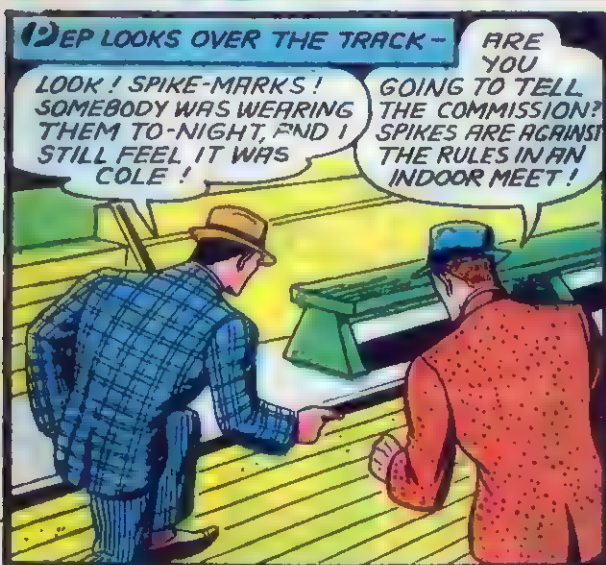


WELL.....!!! NO SPIKES! CONGRATULATIONS COLE - YOU RAN A SWELL RACE!



LET'S LOAF A WHILE, BILL, I WANT TO EXAMINE THAT TRACK AFTER THE GAMES ARE OVER!

OKAY BY ME, PEP!



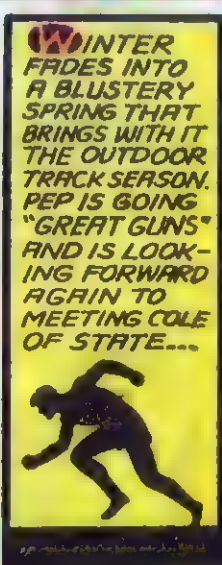
PEP LOOKS OVER THE TRACK -

LOOK! SPIKE-MARKS! SOMEBODY WAS WEARING THEM TO-NIGHT, AND I STILL FEEL IT WAS COLE!

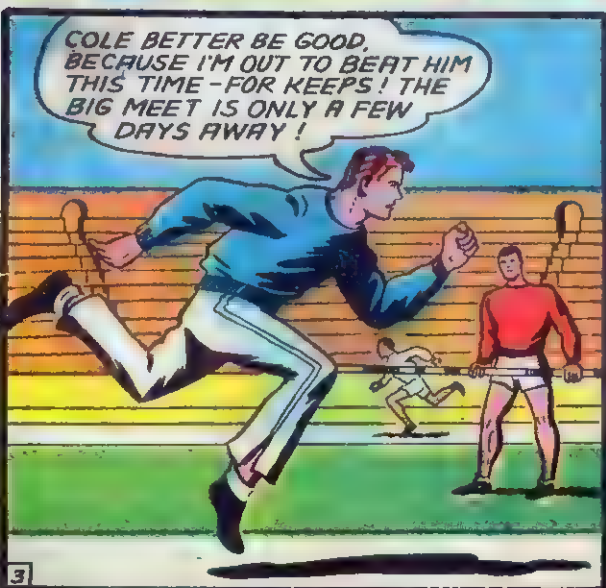
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL THE COMMISSION? SPIKES ARE AGAINST THE RULES IN AN INDOOR MEET!



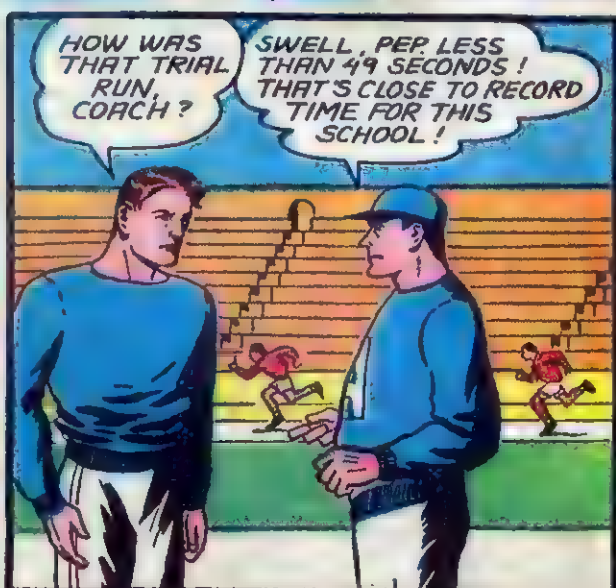
NO! I'LL WAIT FOR THE OUTDOOR QUARTER WHEN SPIKES ARE ALLOWED, AND THEN I'LL RUN HIM INTO THE GROUND!



WINTER FADES INTO A BLUSTERY SPRING THAT BRINGS WITH IT THE OUTDOOR TRACK SEASON. PEP IS GOING "GREAT GUNS" AND IS LOOKING FORWARD AGAIN TO MEETING COLE OF STATE...

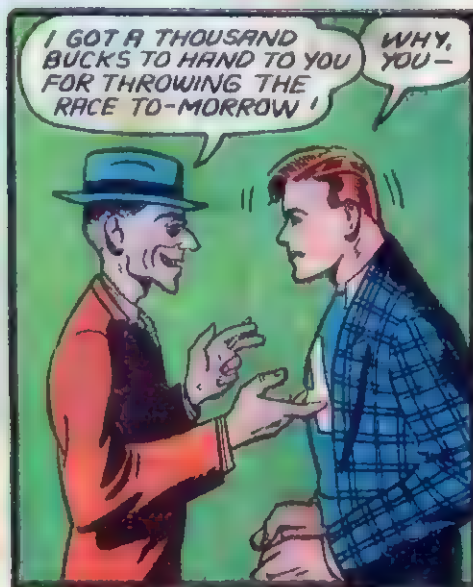
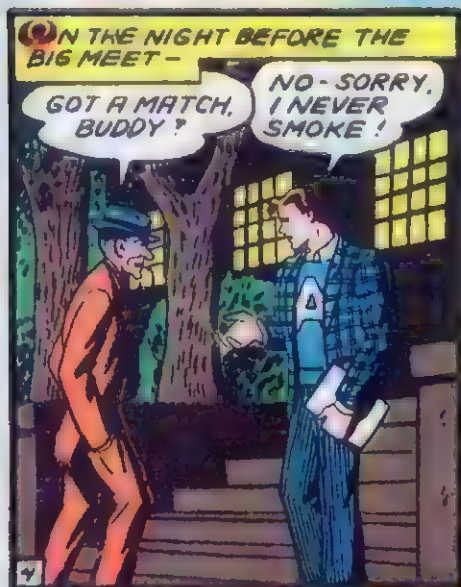
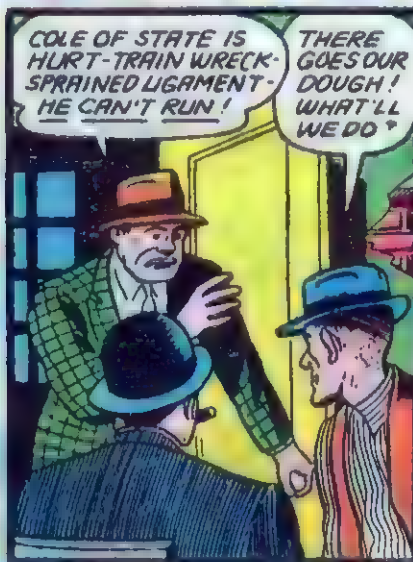
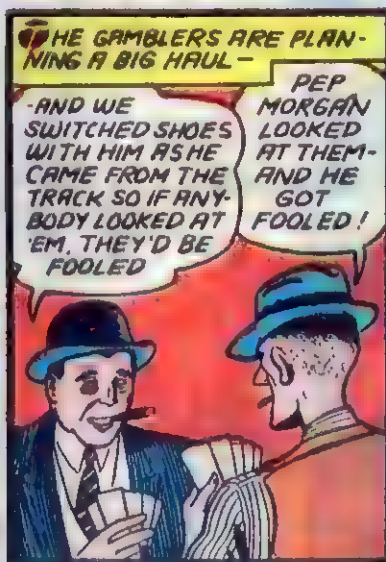
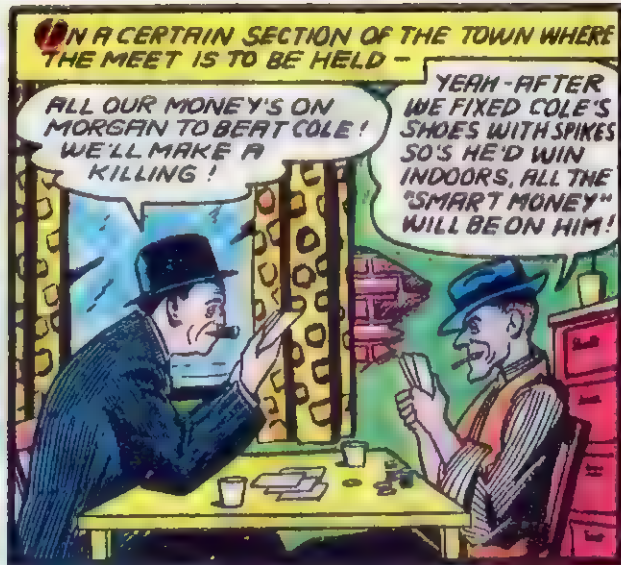
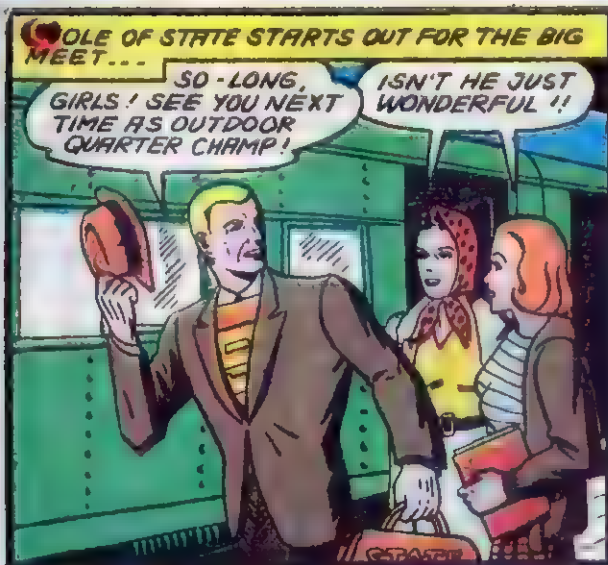


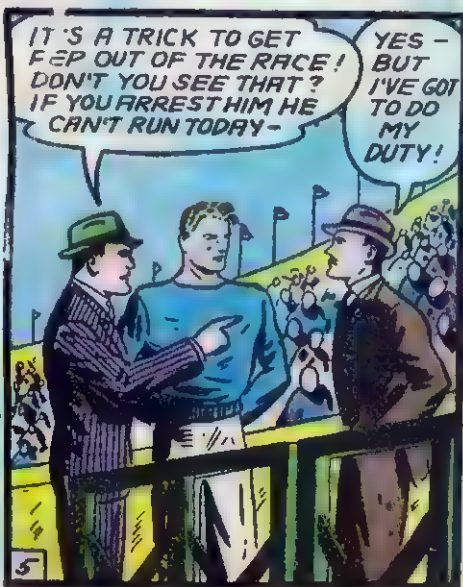
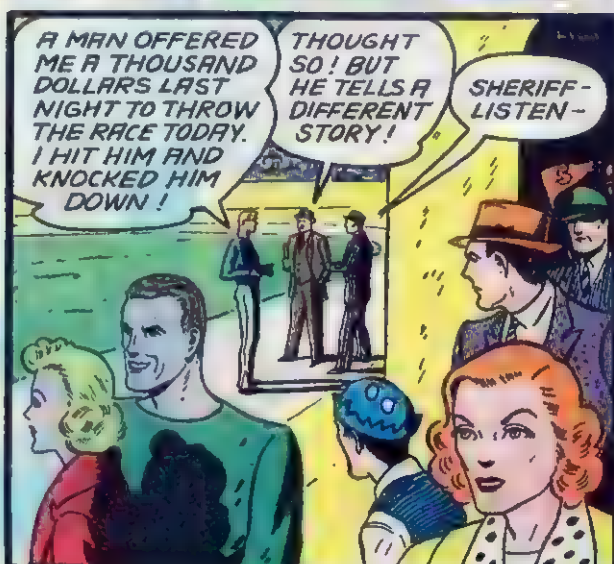
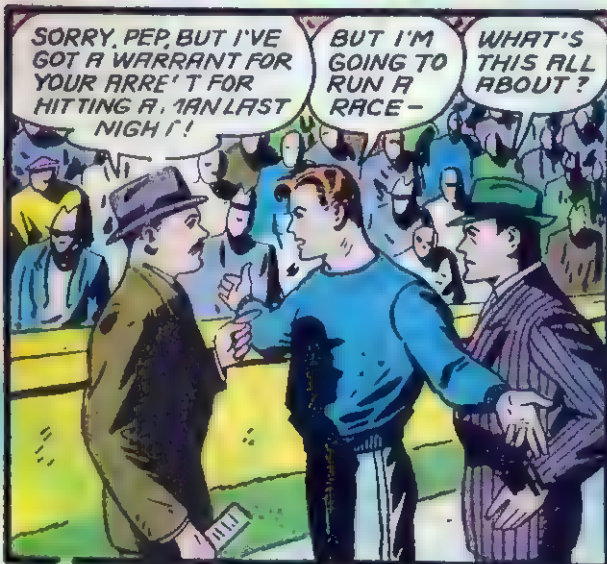
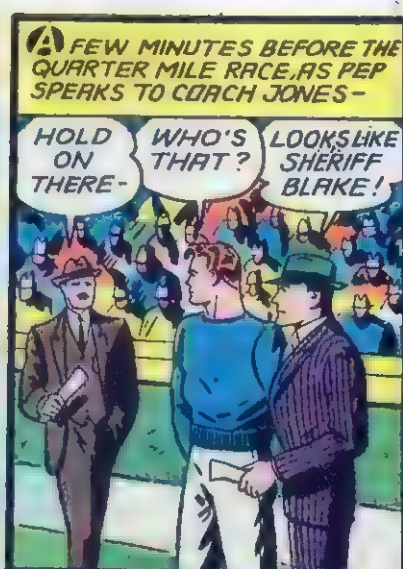
COLE BETTER BE GOOD, BECAUSE I'M OUT TO BEAT HIM THIS TIME - FOR KEEPS! THE BIG MEET IS ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY!

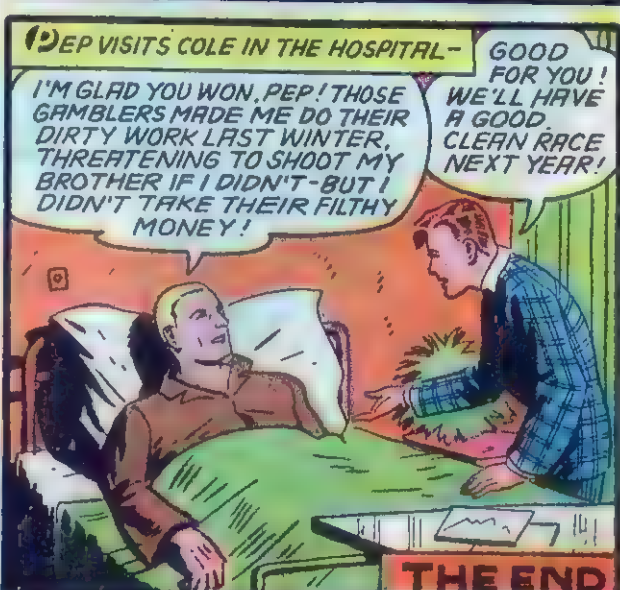
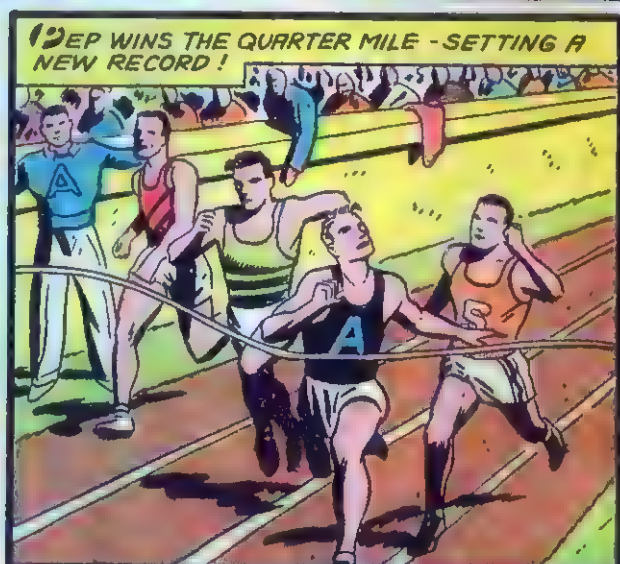
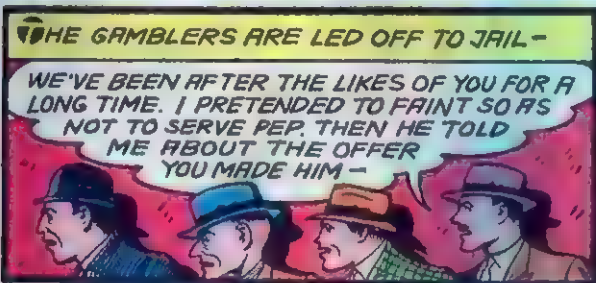
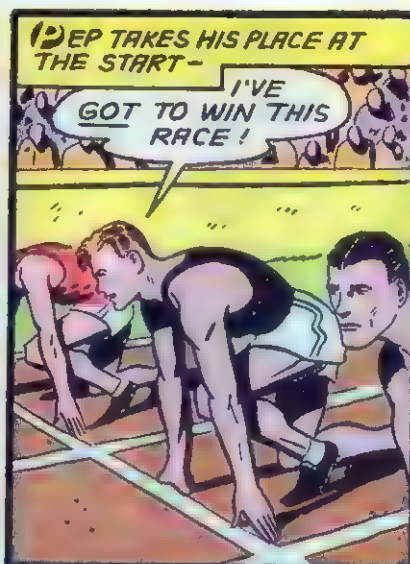
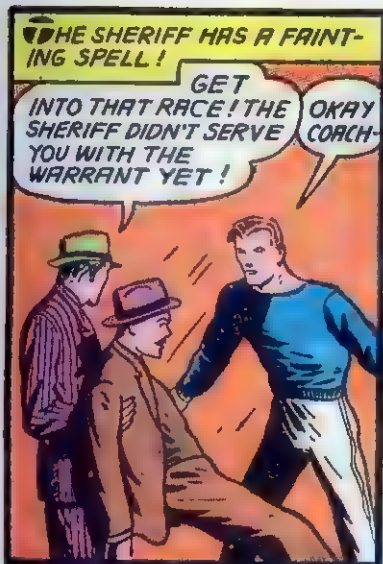


HOW WAS THAT TRIAL RUN, COACH?

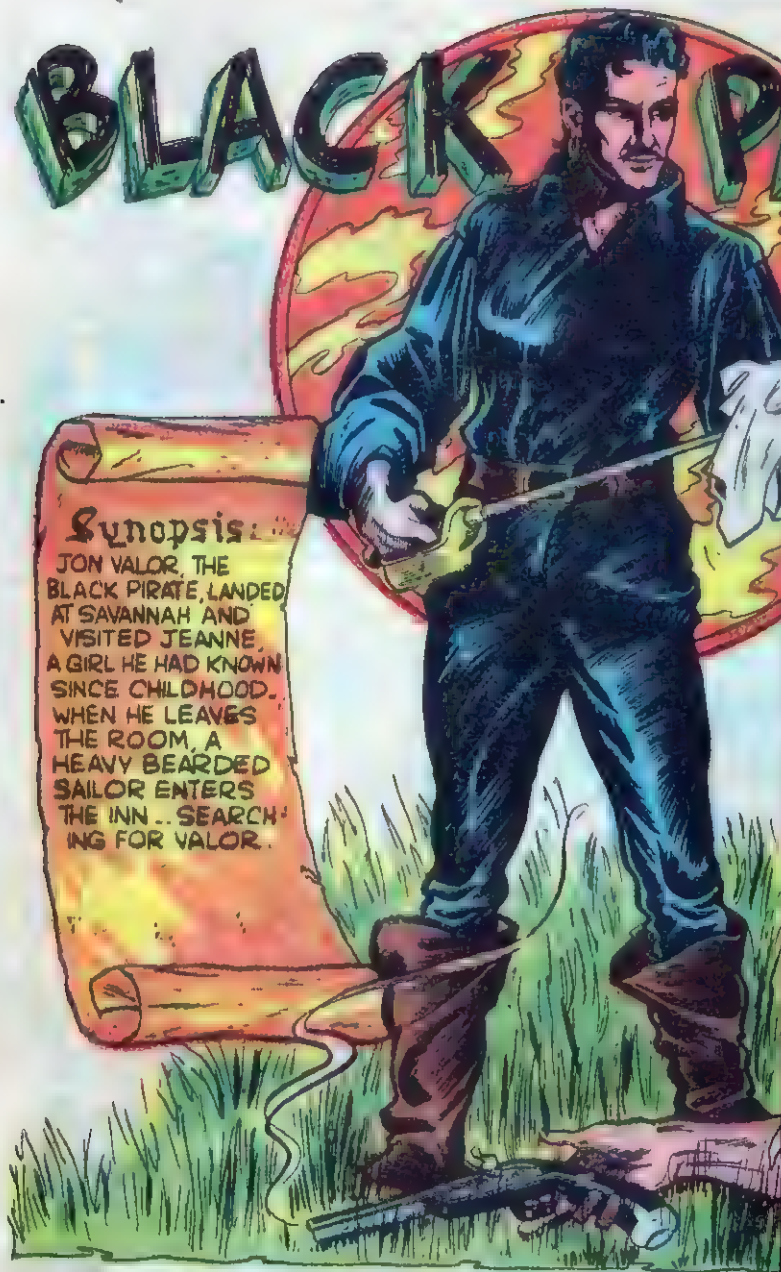
SWELL, PEP. LESS THAN 49 SECONDS! THAT'S CLOSE TO RECORD TIME FOR THIS SCHOOL!







BLACK PIRATE



Synopsis:

JON VALOR, THE BLACK PIRATE, LANDED AT SAVANNAH AND VISITED JEANNE, A GIRL HE HAD KNOWN SINCE CHILDHOOD. WHEN HE LEAVES THE ROOM, A HEAVY BEARDED SAILOR ENTERS THE INN... SEARCHING FOR VALOR.

By -SHELDON MOLDOFF-

AT JEANNE'S SCREAM OF WARNING, THE BLACK PIRATE BURSTS INTO THE ROOM, HIS SWORD DRAWN!



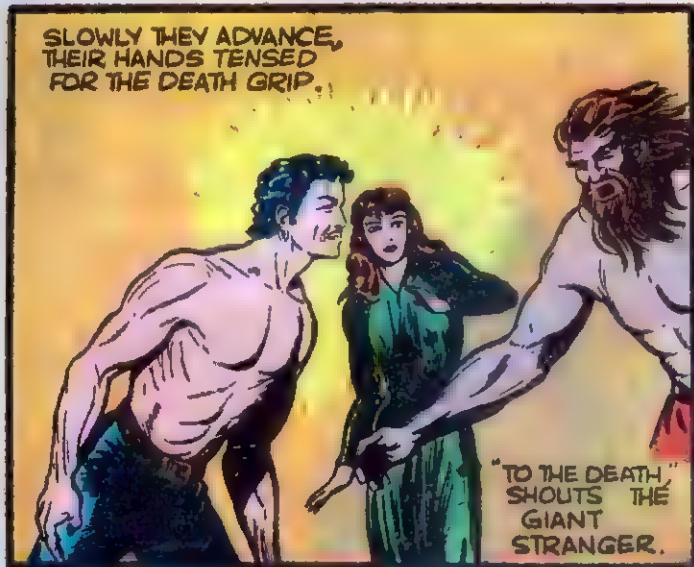
FEARING THE FAMED SWORD-PLAY OF JON VALOR, THE BEARED GIANT BACKS TO THE OPPOSITE WALL..

THEN RIPS OFF HIS SHIRT.. "FIGHT.. MAN TO MAN," HE ROARS!

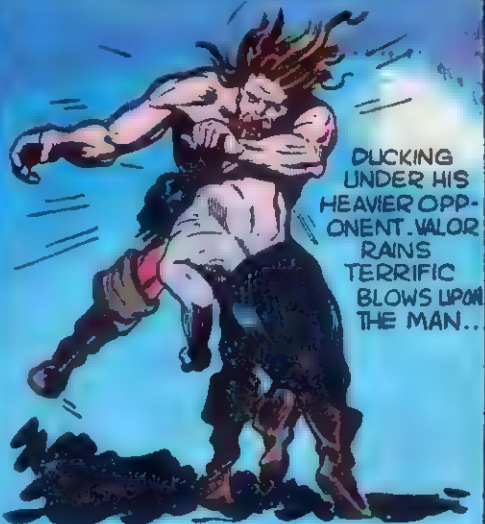


VALOR SURVEYS THE 200 LBS. OF BRAWN.. THEN STRIPS TO THE WAIST.

SLOWLY THEY ADVANCE,
THEIR HANDS TENSED
FOR THE DEATH GRIP.

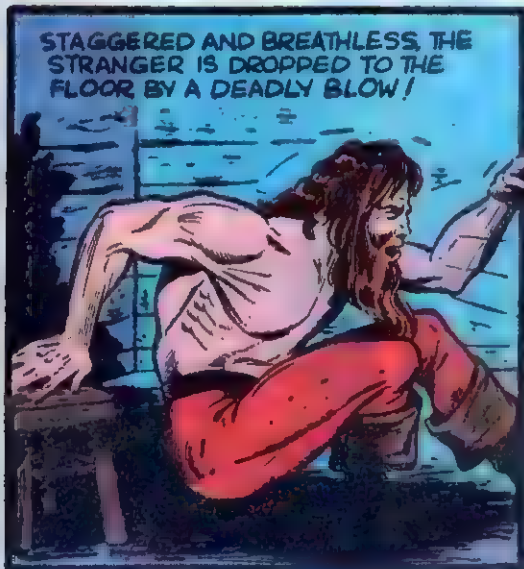


"TO THE DEATH!"
SHOUTS THE
GIANT
STRANGER.

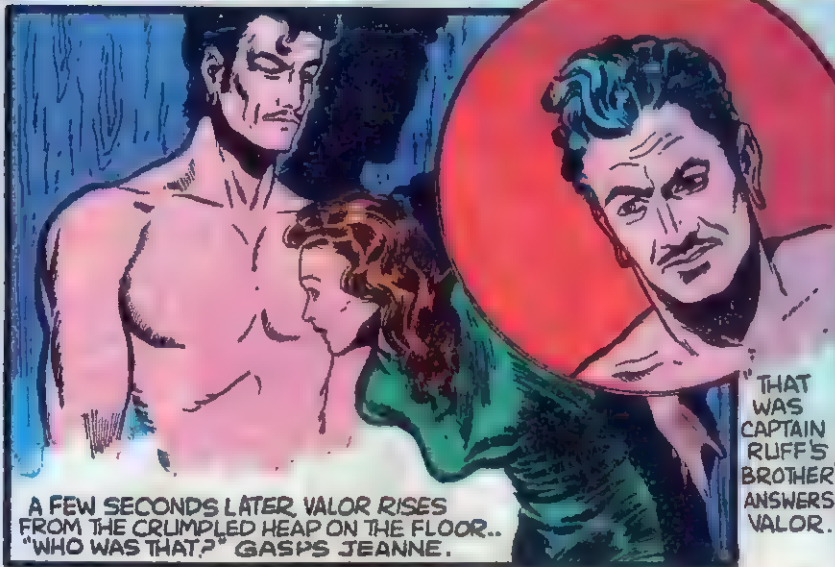


DUCKING
UNDER HIS
HEAVIER OPP-
ONENT, VALOR
RAINS
TERRIFIC
BLOWS UPON
THE MAN..

STAGGERED AND BREATHLESS, THE
STRANGER IS DROPPED TO THE
FLOOR BY A DEADLY BLOW!

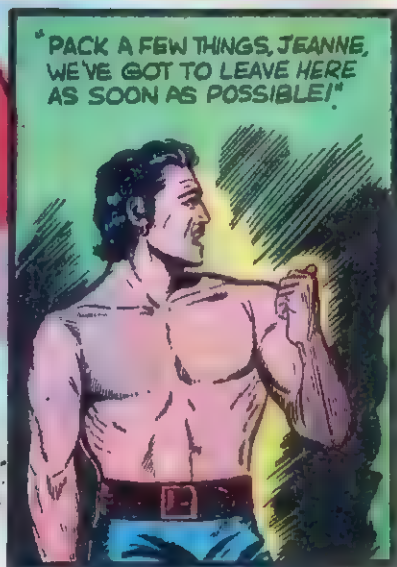


THE BLACK PIRATE IS ON HIM
INSTANTLY, HIS GREAT MUSCLES
BUNCHED AS HE CLAMPS
A HEADLOCK ON HIS HEAVY
OPPONENT!

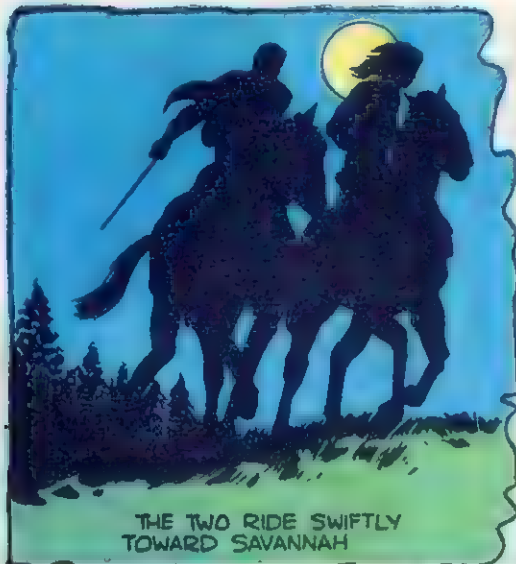


A FEW SECONDS LATER VALOR RISES
FROM THE CRUMPLED HEAP ON THE FLOOR..
"WHO WAS THAT?" GASPS JEANNE.

"PACK A FEW THINGS, JEANNE,
WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE HERE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!"



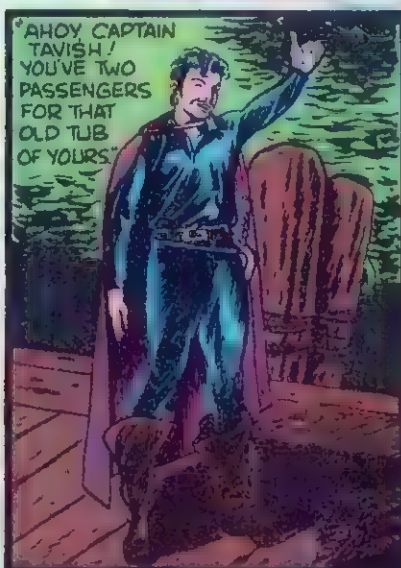
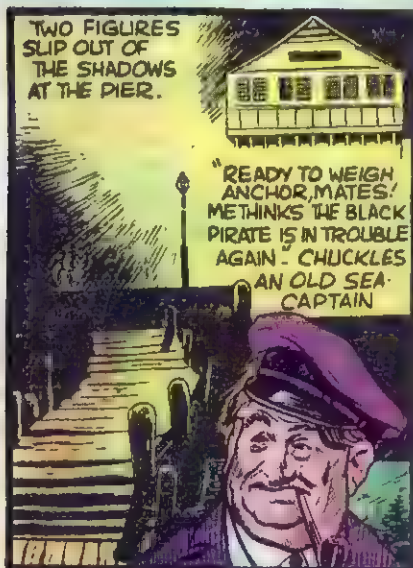
"THAT
WAS
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VALOR.



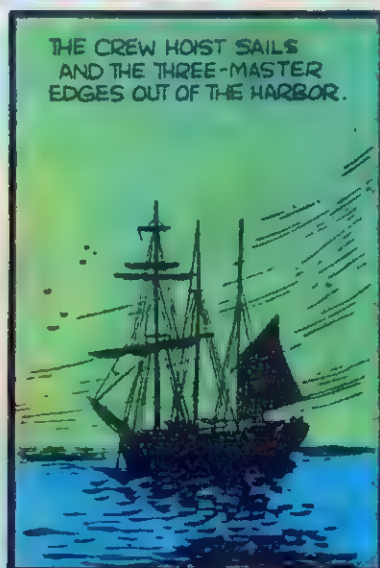
THE TWO RIDE SWIFTLY
TOWARD SAVANNAH



"WE'LL HEAD FOR THE
OPEN SEAS - AND
CAPTAIN RUFF'S
TREASURE."



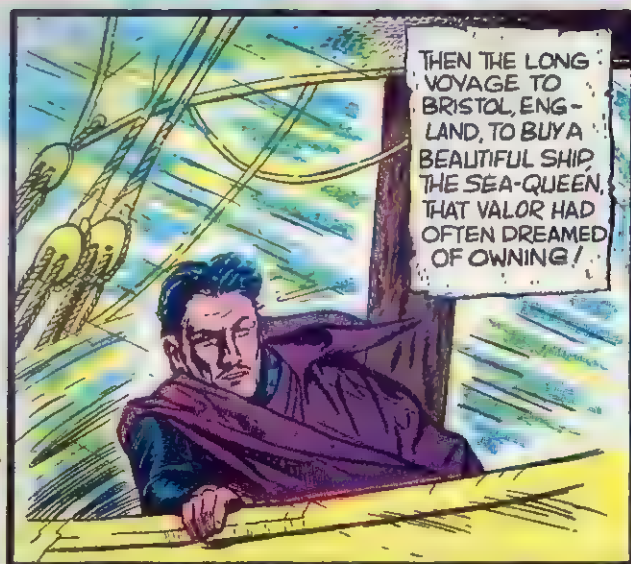
"AHoy CAPTAIN
TAVISH!
YOU'VE TWO
PASSENGERS
FOR THAT
OLD TUB
OF YOURS!"



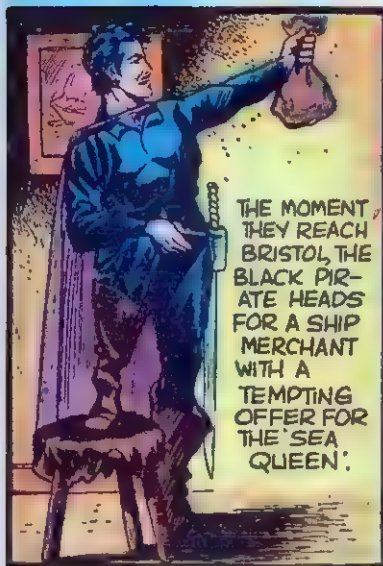
THE CREW HOIST SAILS
AND THE THREE-MASTER
EDGES OUT OF THE HARBOR.



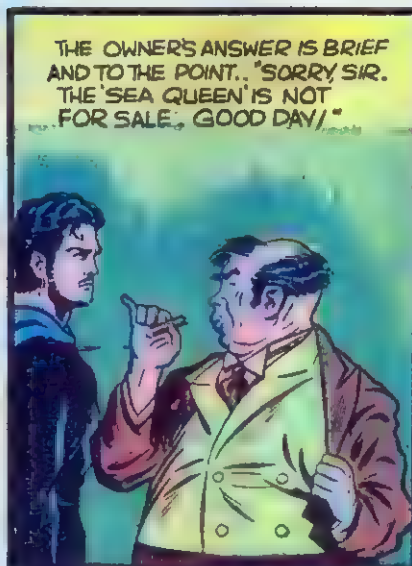
DAYS LATER
THE TINY
ISLAND AND
RUFF'S FABU-
LOUS FOR-
TUNE IN STOLEN
GOLD AND
JEWELS.



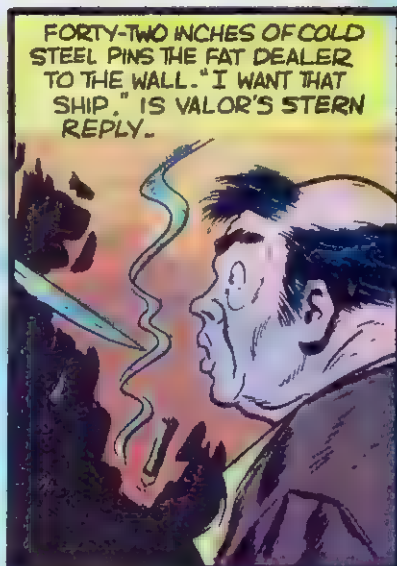
THEN THE LONG
VOYAGE TO
BRISTOL, ENG-
LAND, TO BUY A
BEAUTIFUL SHIP,
THE SEA-QUEEN,
THAT VALOR HAD
OFTEN DREAMED
OF OWNING!



THE MOMENT
THEY REACH
BRISTOL, THE
BLACK PIR-
ATE HEADS
FOR A SHIP
MERCHANT
WITH A
TEMPTING
OFFER FOR
THE 'SEA
QUEEN'.



THE OWNER'S ANSWER IS BRIEF
AND TO THE POINT.. "SORRY, SIR.
THE 'SEA QUEEN' IS NOT
FOR SALE.. GOOD DAY!"



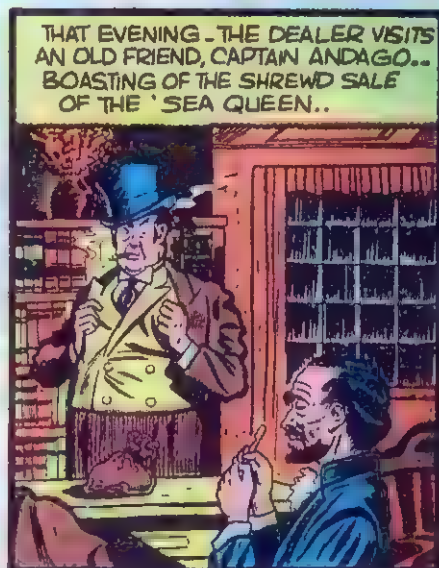
FORTY-TWO INCHES OF COLD
STEEL PINS THE FAT DEALER
TO THE WALL.. "I WANT THAT
SHIP." IS VALOR'S STERN
REPLY..



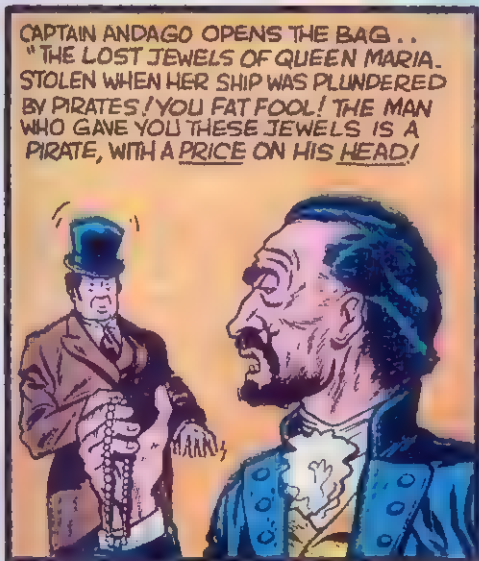
.. SIXTY SECONDS
LATER.. THE
BLACK PIRATE
WALKS OUT WITH
THE ARTICLES
OF OWNER-
SHIP!!



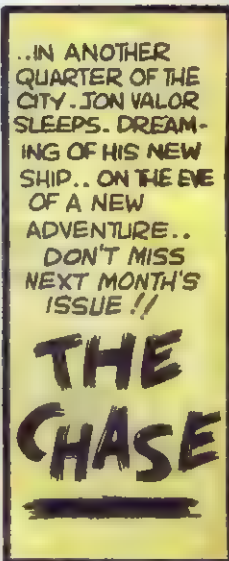
THE MERCHANT
RECOVERS FROM HIS
FRIGHT, WHEN HE
DISCOVERS THE SMALL
FORTUNE IN JEWELS
VALOR HAD LEFT!



THAT EVENING.. THE DEALER VISITS
AN OLD FRIEND, CAPTAIN ANDAGO..
BOASTING OF THE SHREWD SALE
OF THE 'SEA QUEEN'..



CAPTAIN ANDAGO OPENS THE BAG..
"THE LOST JEWELS OF QUEEN MARIA.
STOLEN WHEN HER SHIP WAS PLUNDERED
BY PIRATES! YOU FAT FOOL! THE MAN
WHO GAVE YOU THESE JEWELS IS A
PIRATE, WITH A PRICE ON HIS HEAD!



..IN ANOTHER
QUARTER OF THE
CITY.. JON VALOR
SLEEPS.. DREAM-
ING OF HIS NEW
SHIP.. ON THE EVE
OF A NEW
ADVENTURE..
DON'T MISS
NEXT MONTH'S
ISSUE!!

**THE
CHASE**

NO GREATER COURAGE

by Ivan Dmytryk



THE night is cold, but the campfires are warm, like the night we Cossacks went over against the Germans at Araks. *Aie*, but it was cold that night, and the Colonel who rode at our head would not let us wrap our blankets around our shoulders! We had to ride silently, dressed in maroon *beshmets* that did not serve to stop the cutting winds!

With us rode young Michael Varkova. He was a youth, a Cossack of the Don, and as he rode he was glumly silent, for there were things troubling him. His courage, for example. Every once in a while he would loosen his sabre in its scabbard, liking the feel of the hilt in his hands. He had forgotten his sabre, two days ago!

That was at Ruruk. The Germans had attacked his division, and when young Michael Varkova went to charge against them, he found that his blood had turned to water. He turned the nose of his Russian pony and fled away from the fight! No true Cossack would have done that. Not for

nothing were we called the Centaurs of the Little Father!

The men would not speak to him. The officers, some of them blooded noblemen like himself, cut him sharply. Michael Varkova would sit and brood for hours, after that had happened. No, a Cossack does not like to see another Cossack turn the tail of his pony and run. Not when there is a chance of winning!

But young Varkova stayed with his regiment. His father had power in Moscow, in those days, and what he said was always done. *Aie*, it was done!

The day following Michael Varkova's disgraceful conduct, two things happened. There came by swift courier the word to go forward to Araks, and rout the Germans from their entrenched positions there. And by freight train came the new weapons that had been promised. Smart, automatic carbines, and heavy automatics.

Some soldiers were luckier than others. They got the new rifles and automatics, and ammunition

to go with them. Young Michael Varkova was one of these. Proudly he polished his guns, shined them with loving care, and as he did so the corners of his lips grew grim, and his blue eyes hardened. He was going to prove his courage to his brothers!

It was bitter cold as the columns moved forward. I could hear Michael Varkova beside me blowing on his fingers to keep them warm. Across his uniform was worn the *gazyry*—the false cart-ridge belts that crossed his chest—a mark of position as an officer. The real belts that held his cart-ridges was coming in the pack train that followed.

We moved swiftly forward, our officers grouped ahead of us. Suddenly the heavy German artillery began to sound. The noise was terrific, but worse than that, the first shell smashed our officers to little pieces! All of them—except young Michael Varkova!

Michael knew the position he was in. He was the only officer left to lead us Cossacks against our enemy! I could see his face



whiten, and then his lips grew firm and tight.

He threw his head to the sky, looking wild as his Tartar ancestors!

"Forward!" he shouted. "Attack!"

And his spurs dug into his horse's sides, and he was off like a shot! Aie, we thundered down on them, our rifles blasting at the hidden machine gun nests, our revolvers popping as we drove them back and back, away from their positions, and into the clear. It was horrible, facing those spitting guns. But the feel of your own gun in your hands lets you know that you, too, can kill! It gives you needed courage.

The shells are bursting on all sides of us! The bullets whine and zip and thud into the body of a comrade—and we ride forward, shooting, spurring our horses—riding to a horrible death! And only guns in our hands to make us brave!

Eh? Michael Varkova? Oh, the Germans got him, at last! He went down riddled with lead as he leaped his horse right at a nest of machine-guns! That bit of daring saved the regiment, but cost Varkova his life! That was brave—but it was braver of him to lead his men to battle!

Why? I told you how you needed a gun to face the enemy; a spitting gun in your hands! Well, Michael Varkova didn't have any bullets for his new guns! He'd forgotten to get them!

He had gone into battle at the head of his men without a weapon, knowing he couldn't defend himself. Riding—defenseless!—forward, to meet death!

Aie, brother Cossacks, that took courage!

Michael Varkova was a brave man and not the coward he thought himself!

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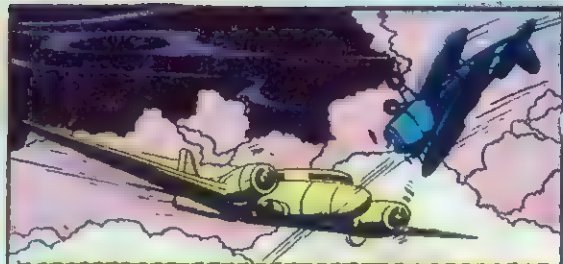
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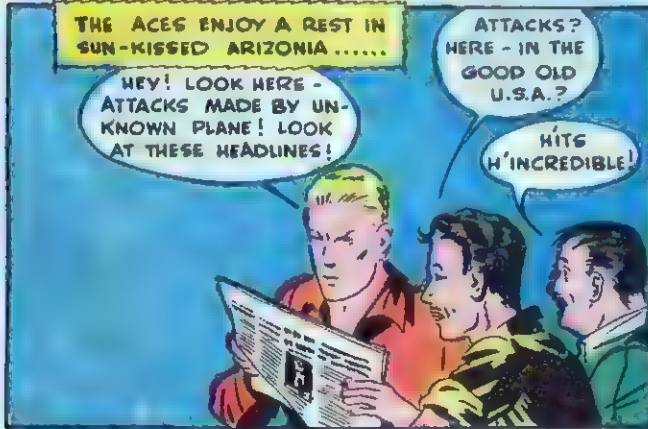
DAISY AIR RIFLES

THREE ACES

by
CHAD



A SERIES OF MYSTERIOUS ATTACKS BY AN UNKNOWN BLUE PLANE HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE FEDERAL AIRLINE UNION TRANSCONTINENTAL AIRPLANES...PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN ROBBED AND THE U.S. MAIIS INTERFERED WITH.....

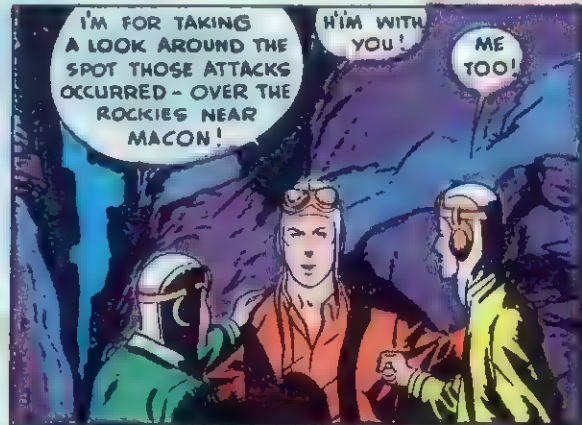


THE ACES ENJOY A REST IN SUN-KISSED ARIZONIA

HEY! LOOK HERE - ATTACKS MADE BY UNKNOWN PLANE! LOOK AT THESE HEADLINES!

ATTACKS? HERE - IN THE GOOD OLD U.S.A.?

HITS H'INCREDIBLE!



I'M FOR TAKING A LOOK AROUND THE SPOT THOSE ATTACKS OCCURRED - OVER THE ROCKIES NEAR MACON!

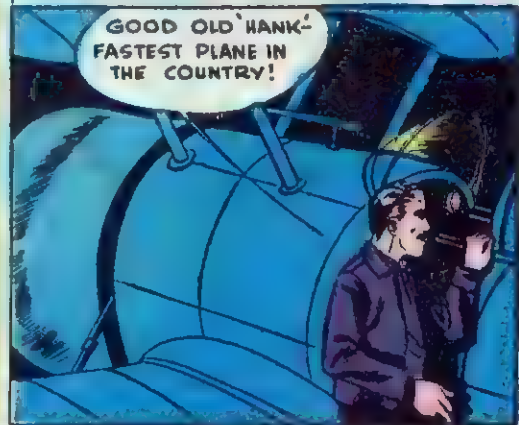
HIM WITH YOU!

ME TOO!

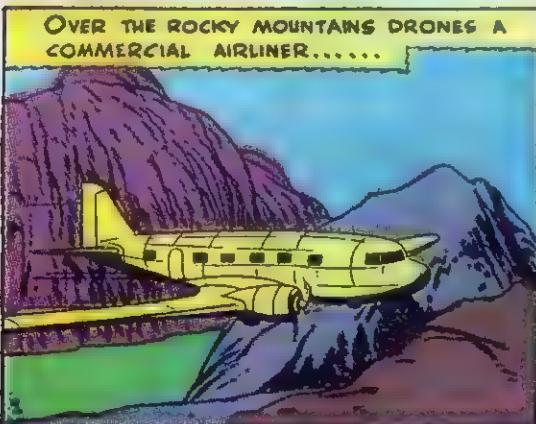


THE ACES - ADVENTUROUS, HAPPY-GO-LUCKY DAREDEVILS - ARE OFF ON THE TRAIL OF AIR ADVENTURE..

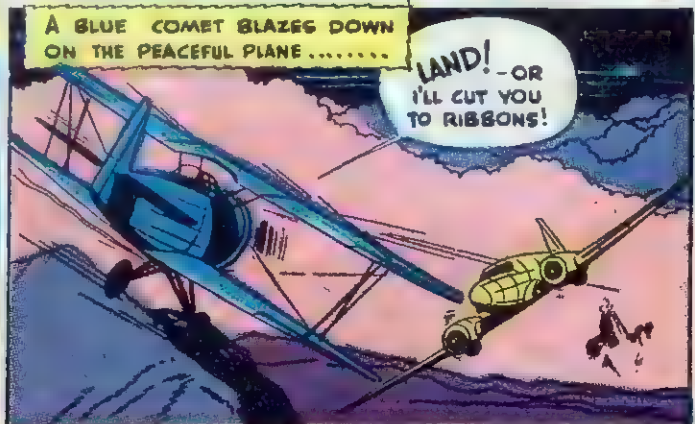
FAR TO THE NORTH, ANOTHER PLANE IS ABOUT TO TAKE OFF...



GOOD OLD 'HANK' - FASTEST PLANE IN THE COUNTRY!

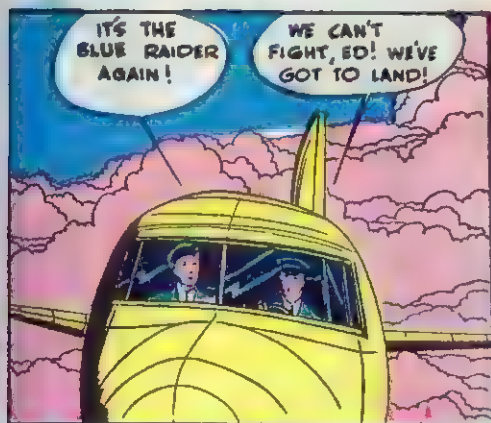


OVER THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS DRONES A COMMERCIAL AIRLINER.....



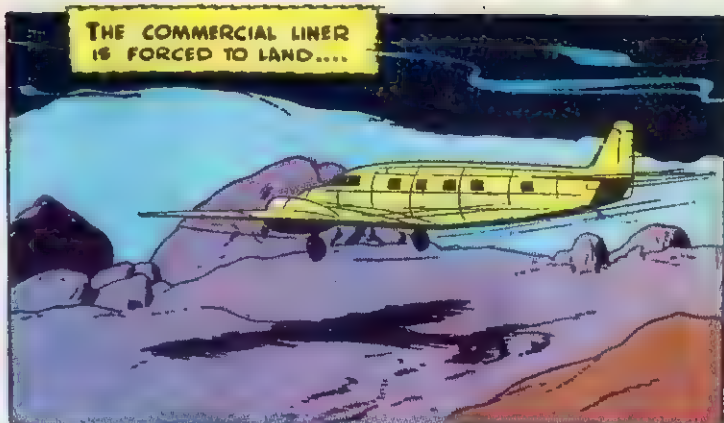
A BLUE COMET BLAZES DOWN ON THE PEACEFUL PLANE.....

LAND! -OR I'LL CUT YOU TO RIBBONS!

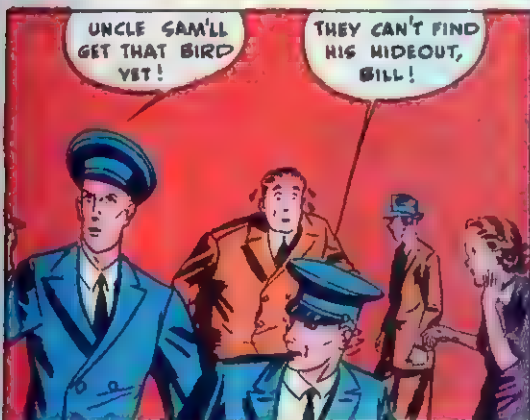


IT'S THE
BLUE RAIDER
AGAIN!

WE CAN'T
FIGHT, ED! WE'VE
GOT TO LAND!

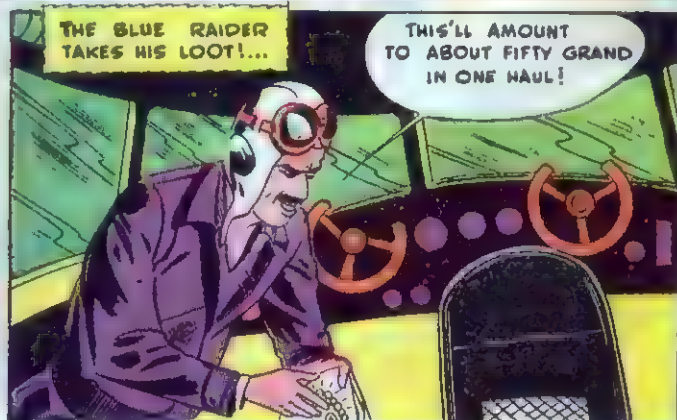


THE COMMERCIAL LINER
IS FORCED TO LAND....



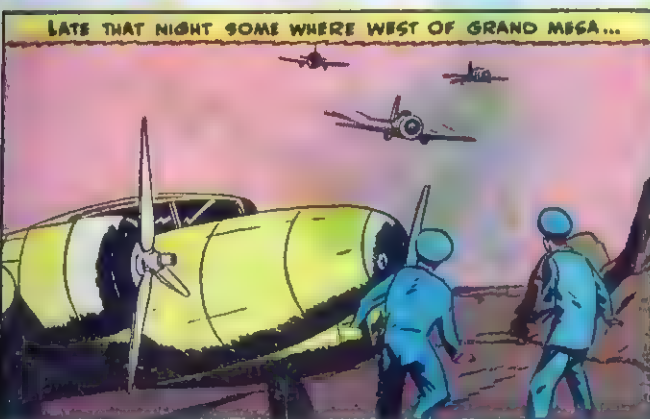
UNCLE SAM'LL
GET THAT BIRD
YET!

THEY CAN'T FIND
HIS HIDEOUT,
BILL!



THE BLUE RAIDER
TAKES HIS LOOT!...

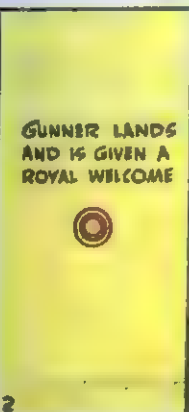
THIS'LL AMOUNT
TO ABOUT FIFTY GRAND
IN ONE HAUL!



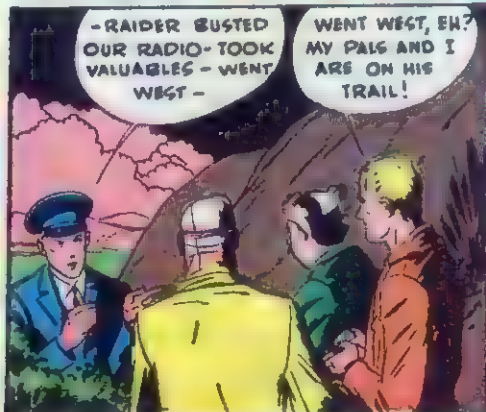
LATE THAT NIGHT SOME WHERE WEST OF GRAND MEGA...



THERE'S A STRANDED
PLANE BELOW....LOOKS
LIKE A COMMERCIAL
LINER....

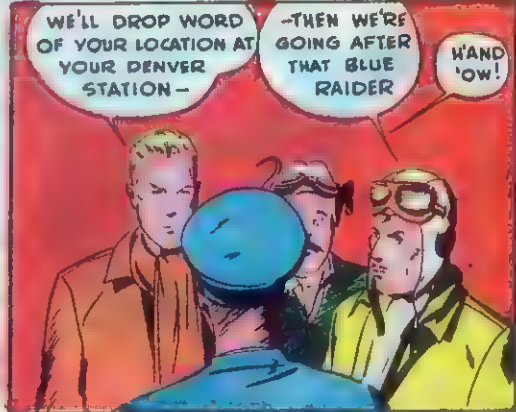


GUNNER LANDS
AND IS GIVEN A
ROYAL WELCOME



-RAIDER BUSTED
OUR RADIO-TOOK
VALUABLES - WENT
WEST -

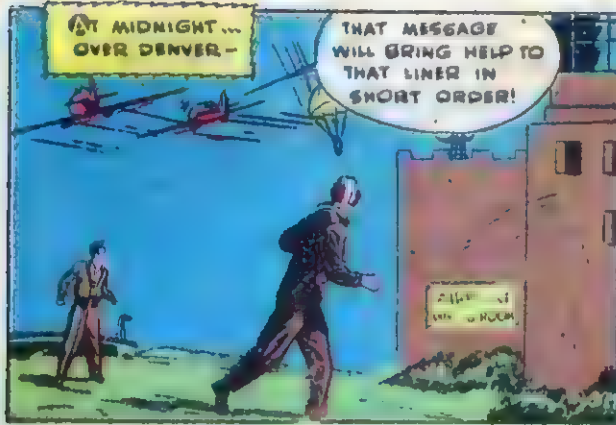
WENT WEST, EH?
MY PAIS AND I
ARE ON HIS
TRAIL!



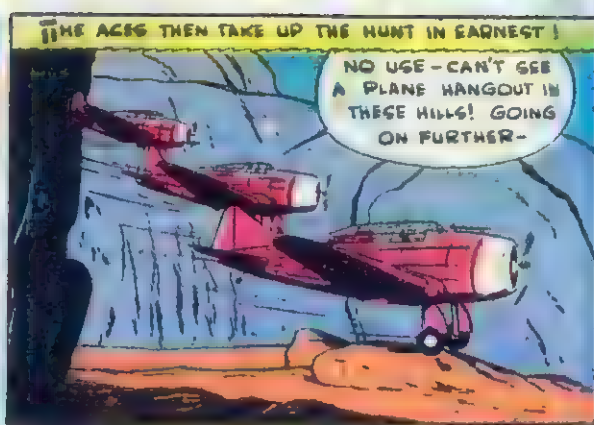
WE'LL DROP WORD
OF YOUR LOCATION AT
YOUR DENVER
STATION -

-THEN WE'RE
GOING AFTER
THAT BLUE
RAIDER

W'AND
'OW!



THAT MESSAGE
WILL BRING HELP TO
THAT LINER IN
SHORT ORDER!

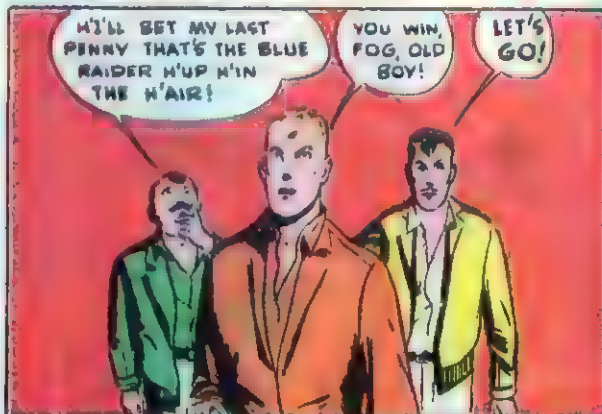


NO USE-CAN'T SEE
A PLANE HANGOUT IN
THESE HILLS! GOING
ON FURTHER-



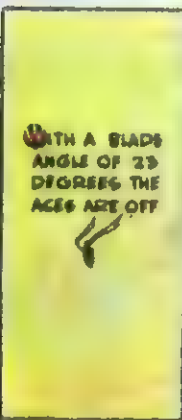
YOU CAN'T EXPECT
SUCCESS RIGHT AWAY,
THE ARMY'S HUNTED
FOR DAYS

'EY
FELLOWS-
LISTEN!

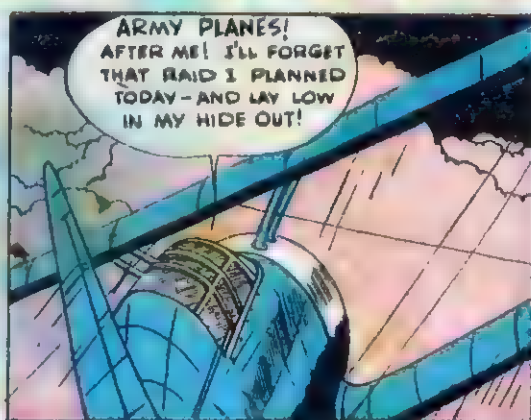


YOU WIN,
FOG, OLD
BOY!

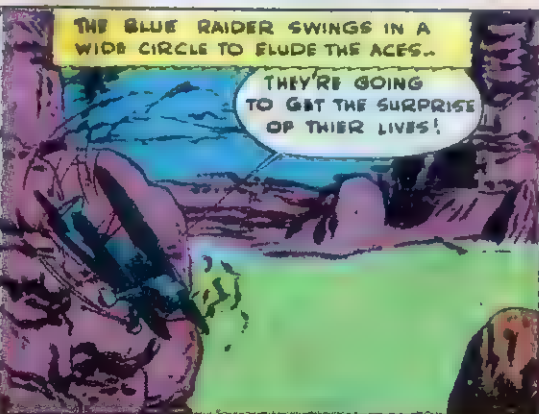
LET'S
GO!



WITH A BLADE
ANGLE OF 23
DEGREES THE
ACES ARE OFF

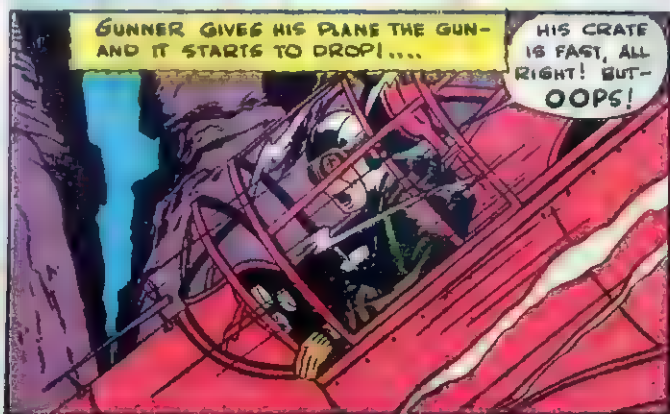


ARMY PLANES!
AFTER ME! I'LL FORGET
THAT RAID I PLANNED
TODAY-AND LAY LOW
IN MY HIDE OUT!



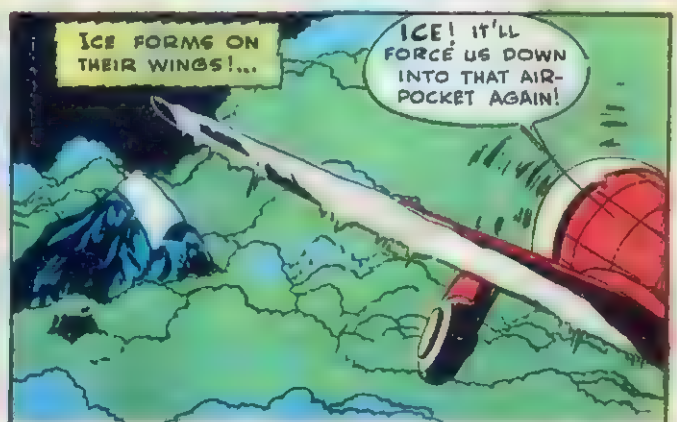
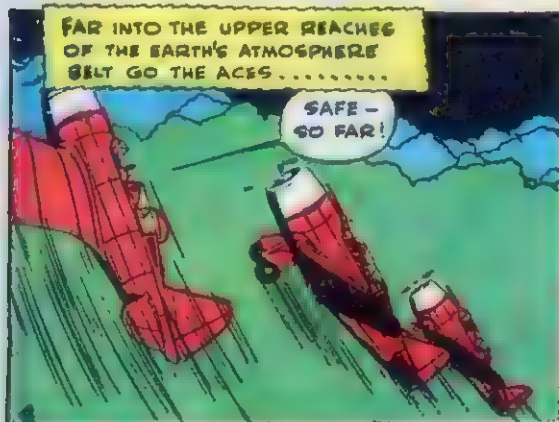
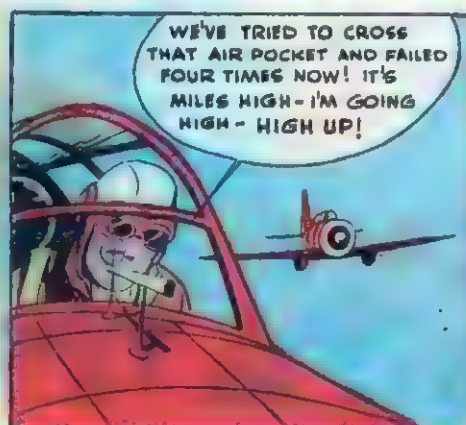
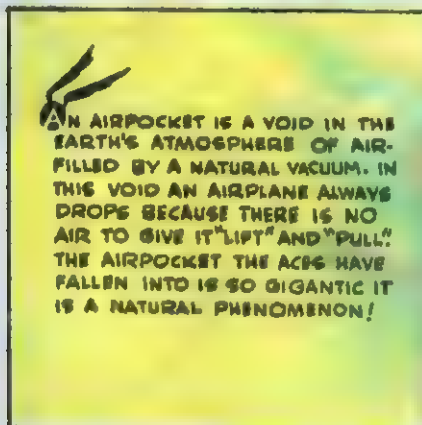
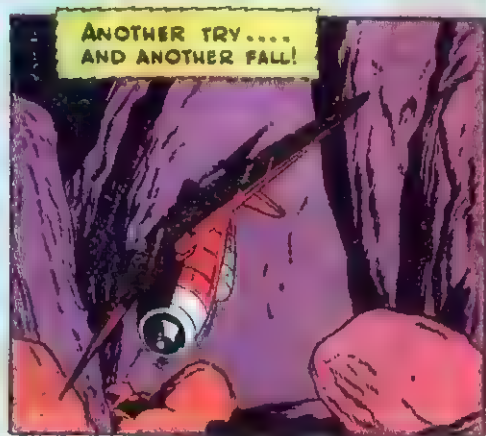
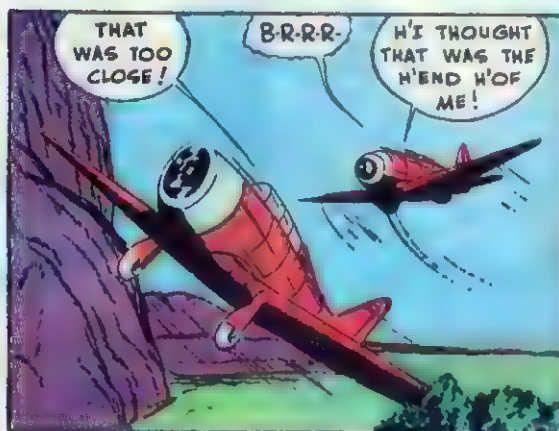
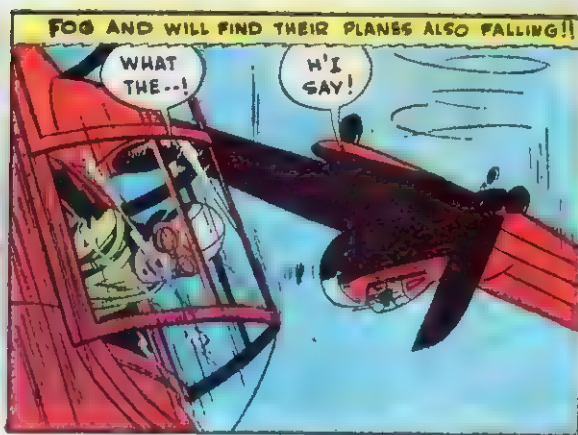
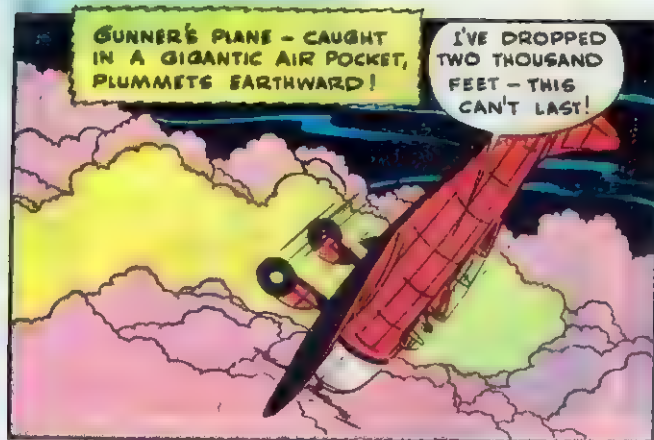
THE BLUE RAIDER SWINGS IN A
WIDE CIRCLE TO ELUDE THE ACES..

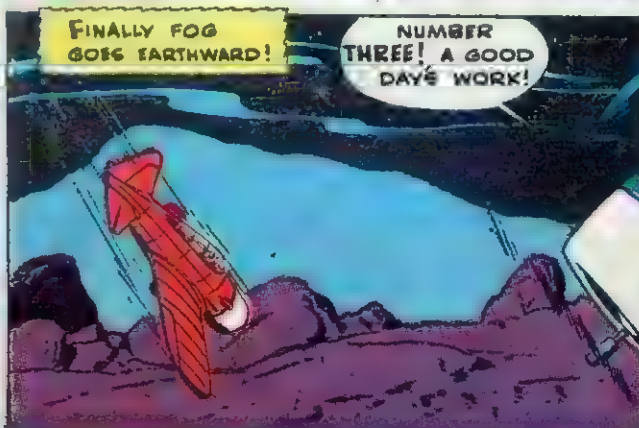
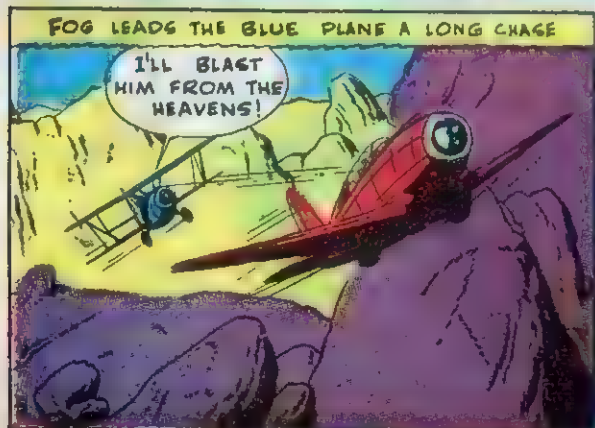
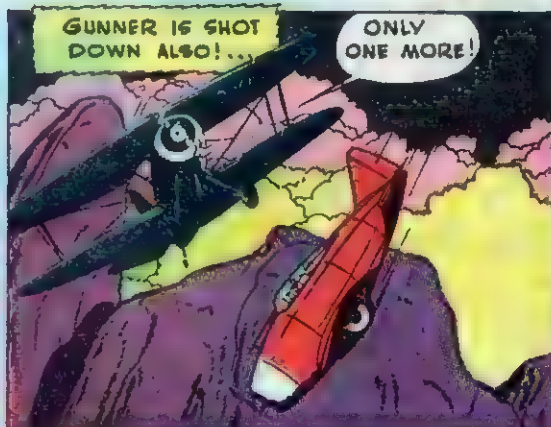
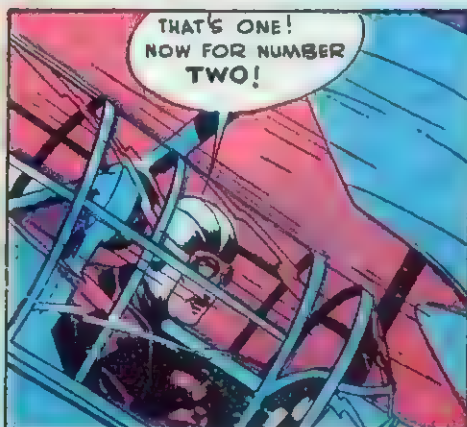
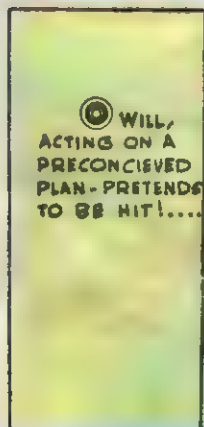
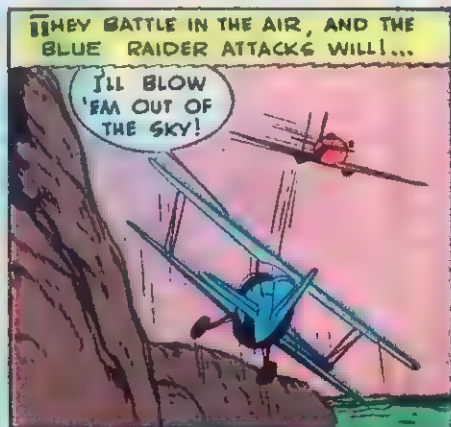
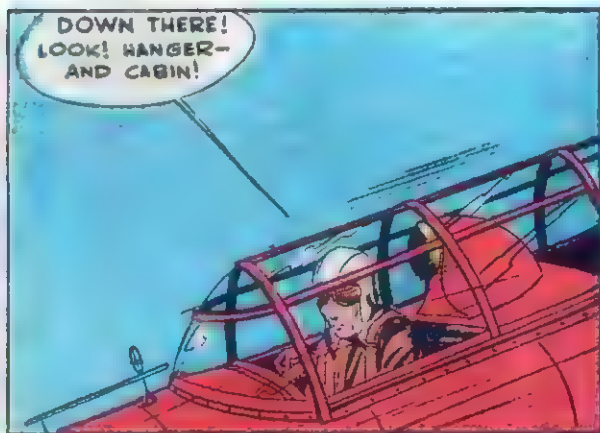
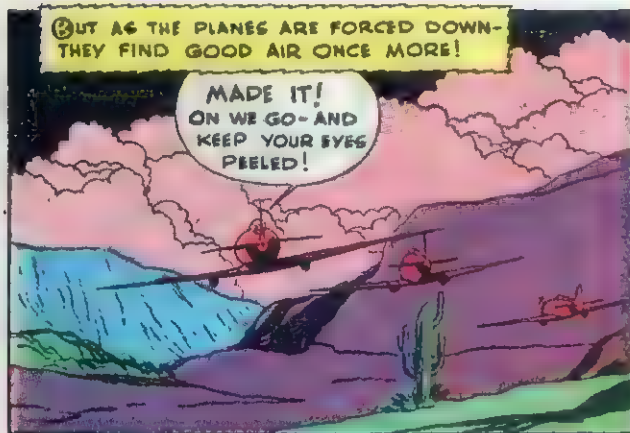
THEY'RE GOING
TO GET THE SURPRISE
OF THEIR LIVES!

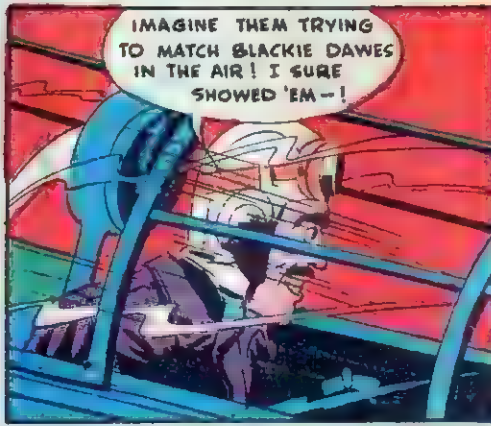


GUNNER GIVES HIS PLANE THE GUN-
AND IT STARTS TO DROP!....

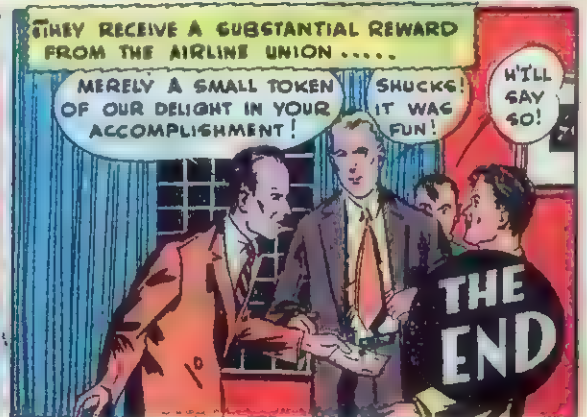
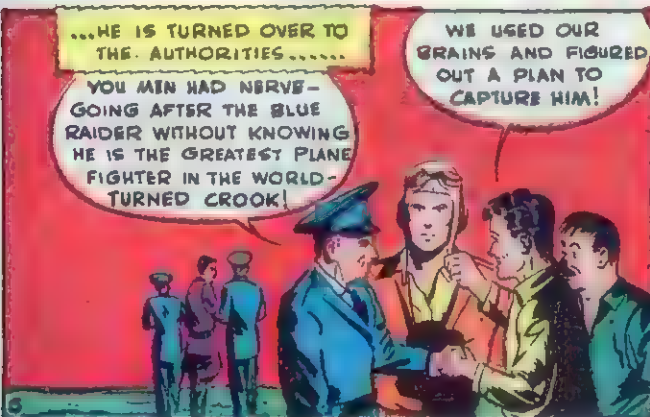
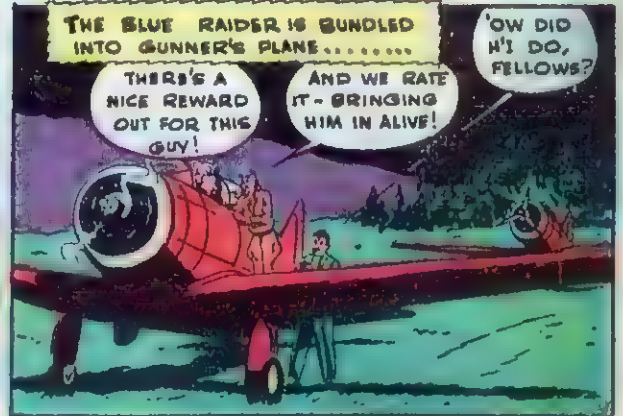
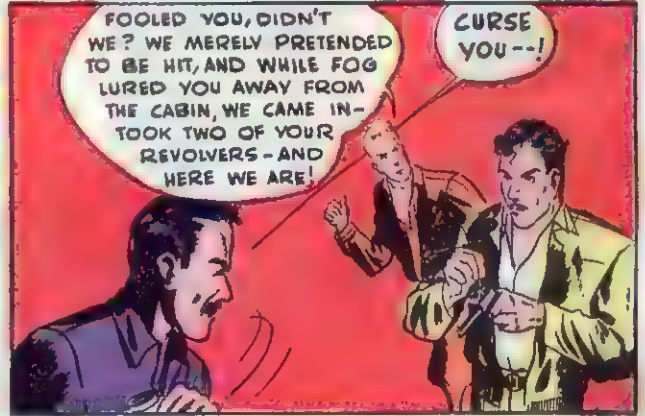
HIS CRATE
IS FAST, ALL
RIGHT! BUT-
OOPS!







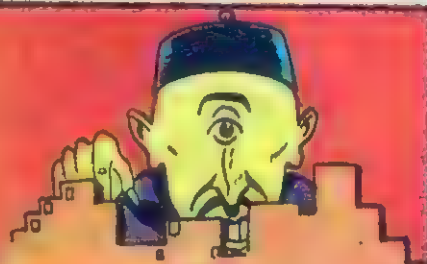
UPON
LANDING,
BLACKIE
ALIGHTS...



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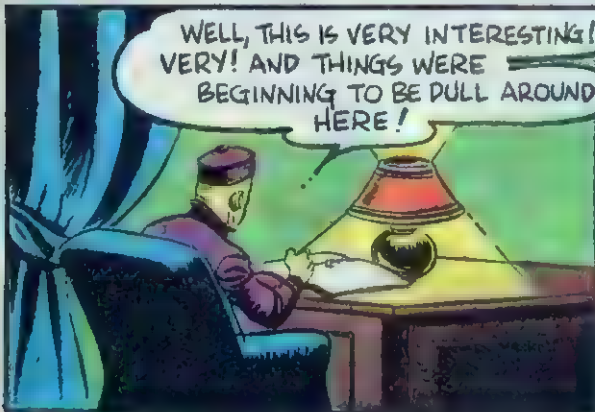
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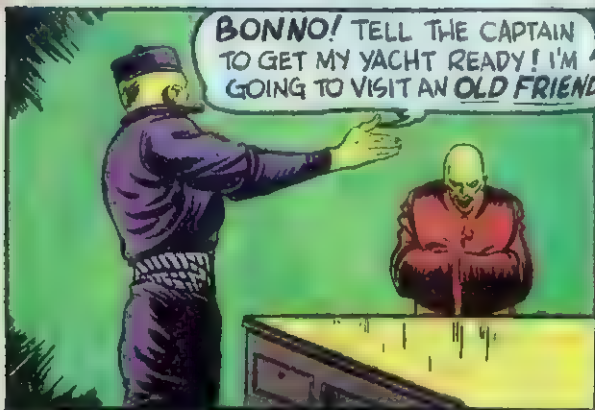


IN A FAR-OFF CORNER OF THE GLOBE, A STRANGE FIGURE FINDS AN INTERESTING STORY IN ONE OF THE AMERICAN PAPERS WHICH REGULARLY REACH HIM....

WELL, THIS IS VERY INTERESTING!
VERY! AND THINGS WERE
BEGINNING TO BE PULL AROUND
HERE!

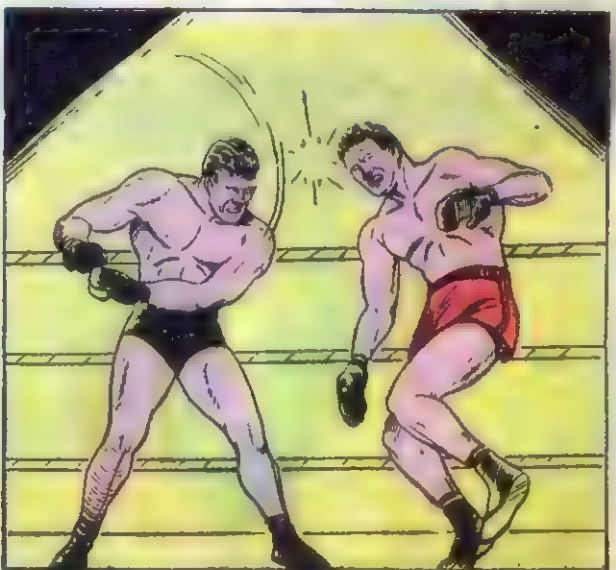
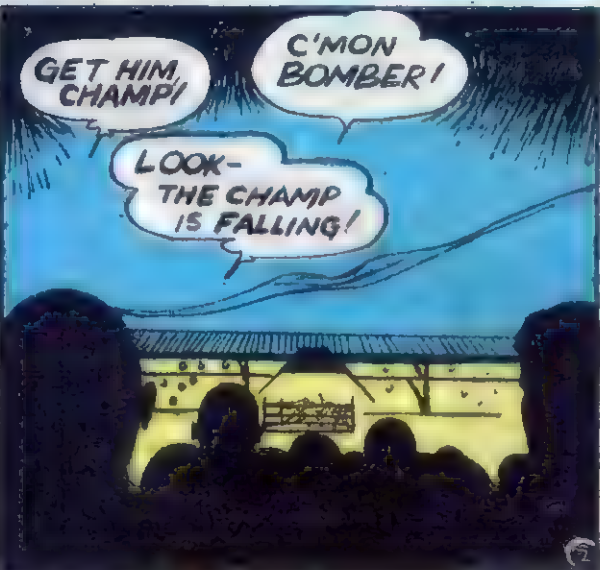
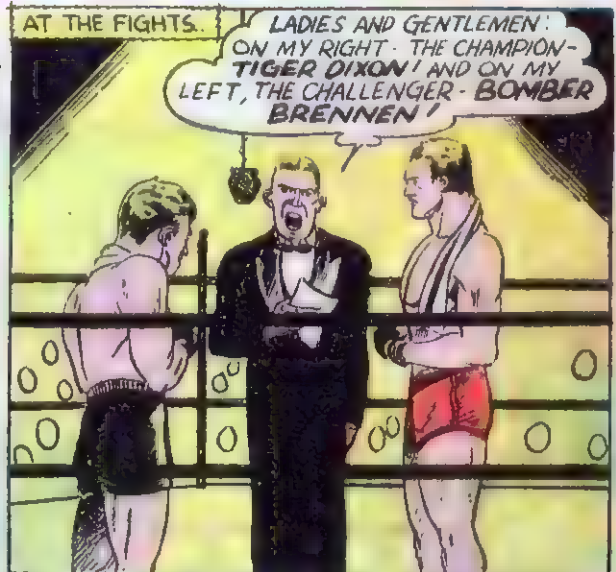
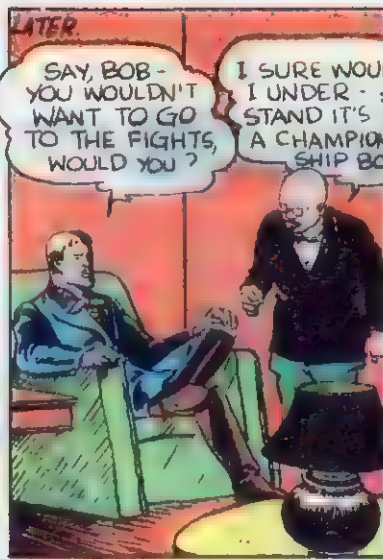
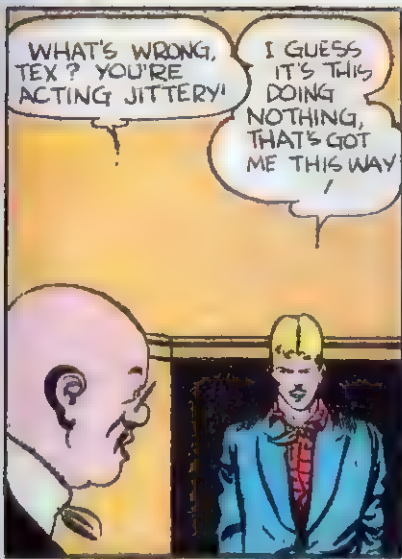


BONNO! TELL THE CAPTAIN
TO GET MY YACHT READY! I'M
GOING TO VISIT AN OLD FRIEND!



SO! TEX THOMSON IS
PLAYING HERO AGAIN!
NOW I CAN SETTLE
AN OLD SCORE AND
PERHAPS RULE ONE
OF THE RICHEST
CITIES IN THE
WORLD!

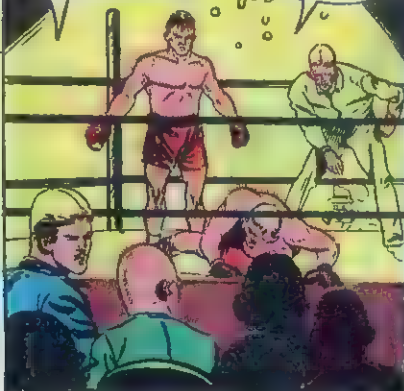




THE CHAMPION IS COUNTED OUT...

COME ON! WE'RE GOING TO DIX ON'S DRESSING ROOM! I THINK HE'S BADLY HURT!

SO WOULD YOU BE AFTER A WALLOP LIKE THAT!



IN DIXON'S DRESSING ROOM...

HOW IS HE, DOCTOR?

HE'S DEAD! THE BLOW KILLED HIM!



THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ARRIVES

I JUST HEARD ABOUT IT! WHAT HAPPENED?

THE DOCTOR SAID THE BLOW KILLED HIM!



I'M GOING TO DISAGREE WITH THAT! THIS MAN WAS SUFFOCATED!



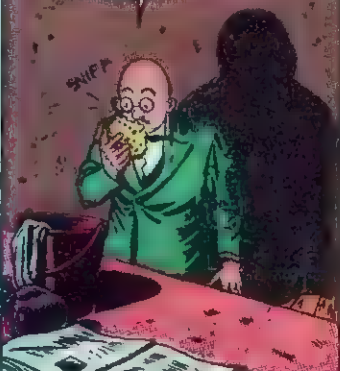
SIR! HOW DARE YOU DISAGREE WITH THE OPINION OF A PROFESSIONAL?

SORRY, SIR! BUT LOOK AT HIS FACE! IT'S PURPLE! A BLOW DIDN'T DO THAT!



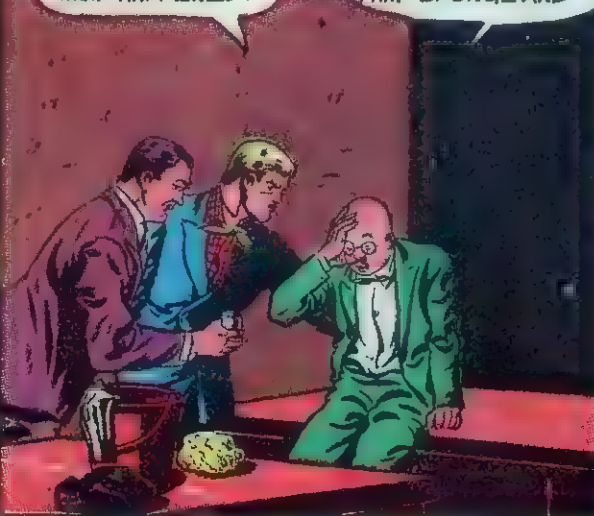
BOB, WHO HAS BEEN POKING AROUND THE ROOM, MAKES A DISCOVERY!

TEX-- OH--OH!



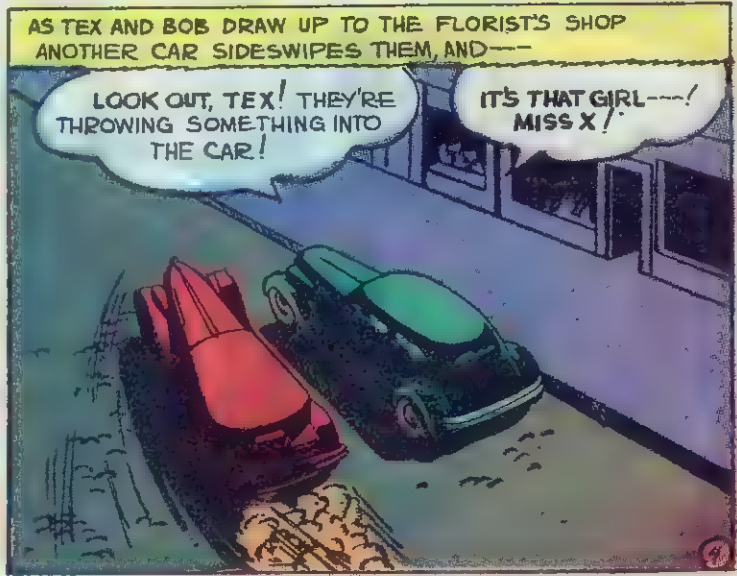
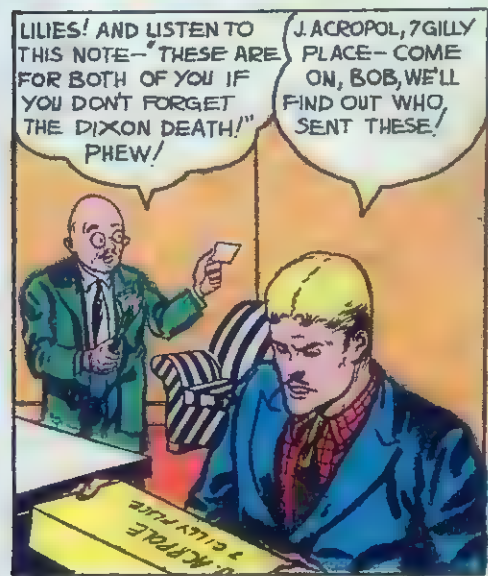
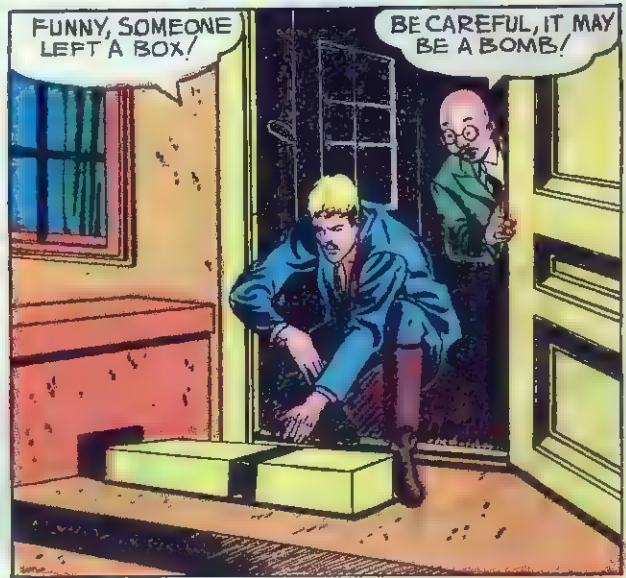
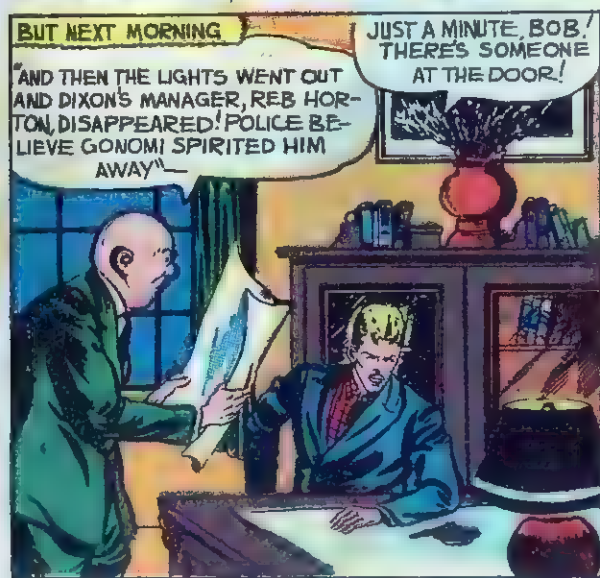
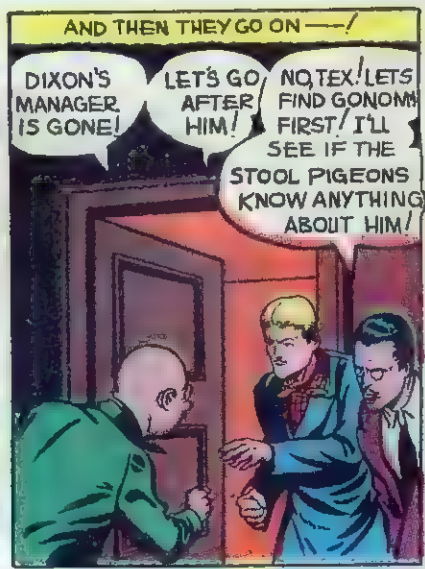
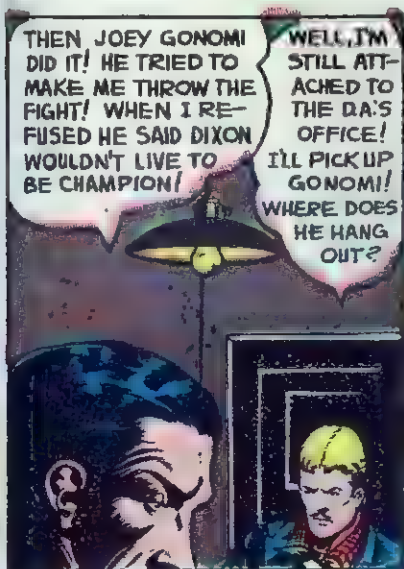
BOB! WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHAT HAPPENED?

I TOOK A WHIFF OF THAT SPONGE AND--



PHIEW! DOCTOR, HERE'S YOUR SUFFOCATING INSTRUMENT! A SPONGE! IT'S LOADED WITH NEPHTHOGAS!





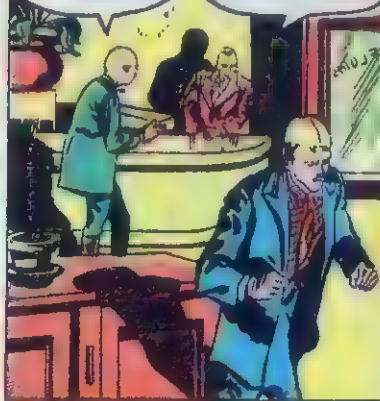
IT SAYS LOOK OUT FOR THE BACK ROOM BEHIND THE FLOWER CASE!



SO MISS X IS PLAYING THE GUARDIAN ANGEL AGAIN!

... IN THE FLORIST'S

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO ORDERED THESE!



I-I DON'T REMEMBER! HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?

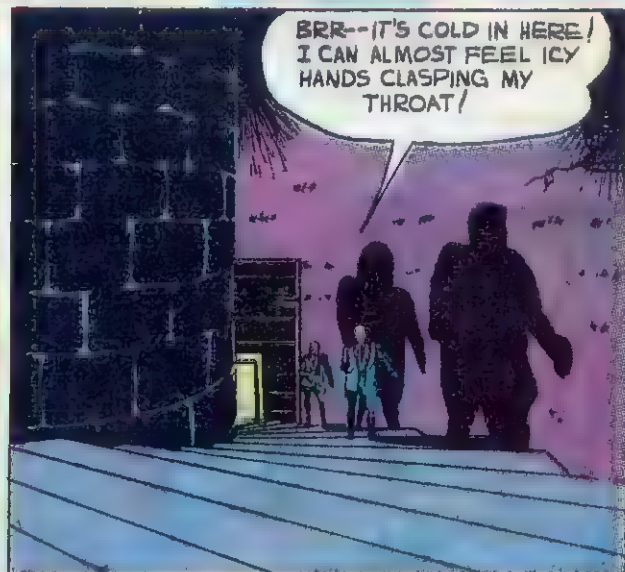
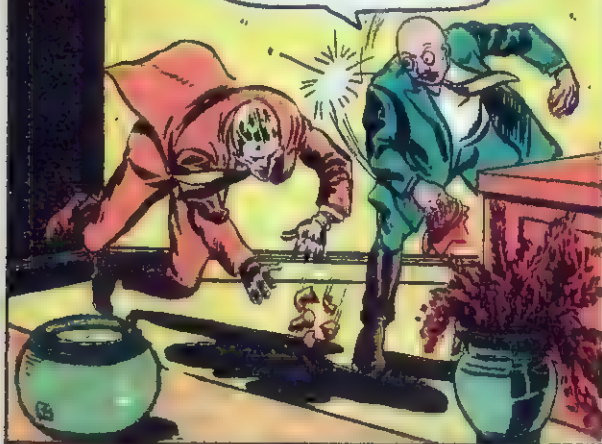
UNNOTICED, TEX HAS FOUND A DOOR BEHIND THE FLOWER CASES!

BRING HIM ALONG, BOB! I'VE FOUND THE SECRET DOOR!



THE FLORIST ATTEMPTS TO GET BY BOB, BUT—

NOW! NOW! BIG MANS MUSTN'T GO AWAY!



BRR--IT'S COLD IN HERE! I CAN ALMOST FEEL ICY HANDS CLASPING MY THROAT!

AN INSTANT LATER...

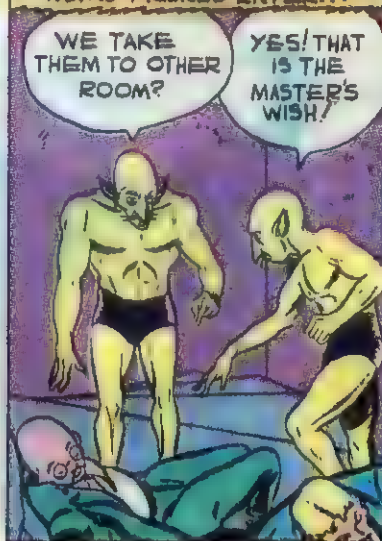
TEX!-UGH!



WEIRD FIGURES ENTER...

WE TAKE THEM TO OTHER ROOM?

YES! THAT IS THE MASTER'S WISH!

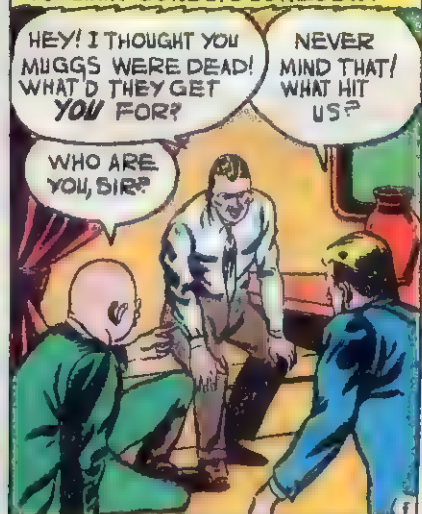


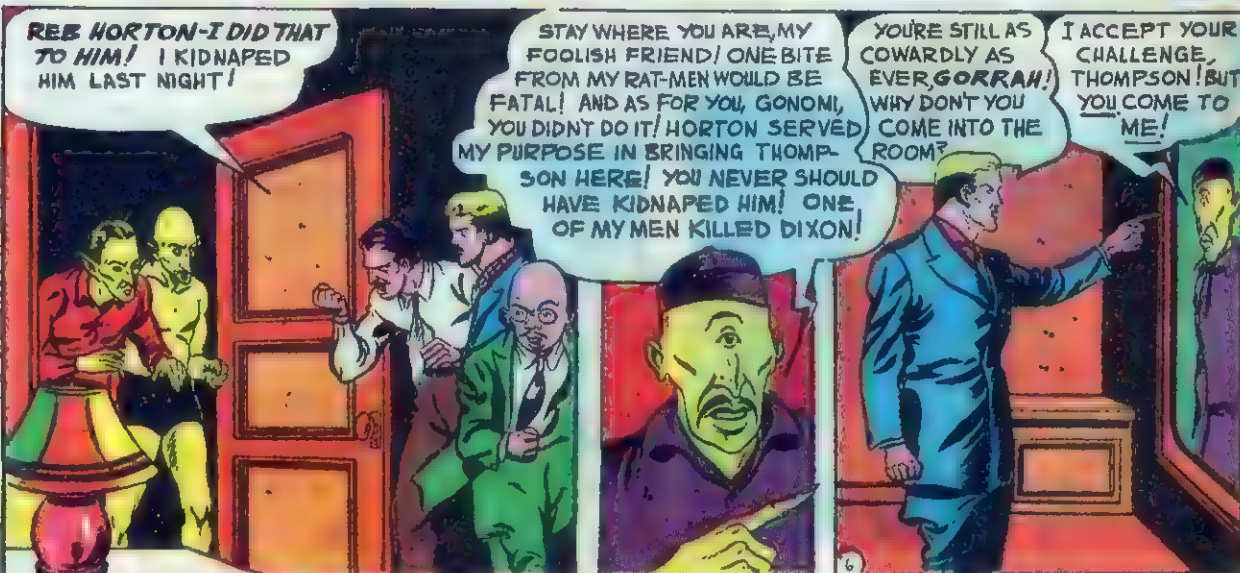
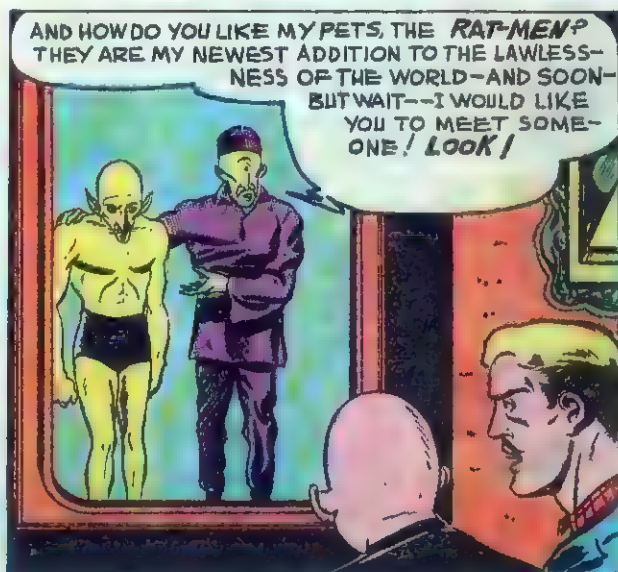
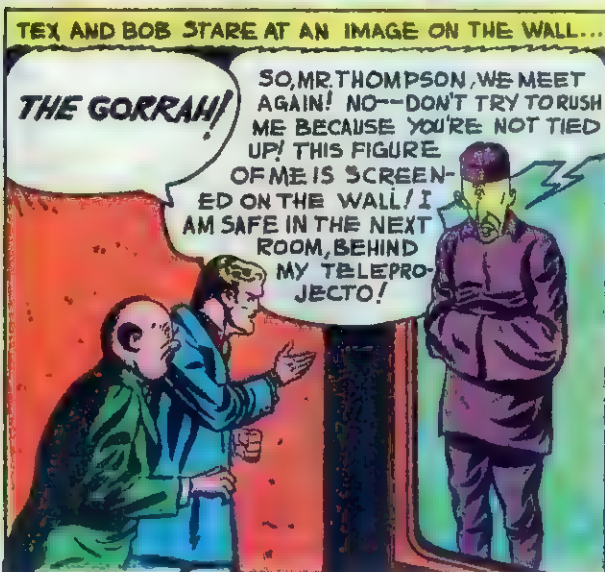
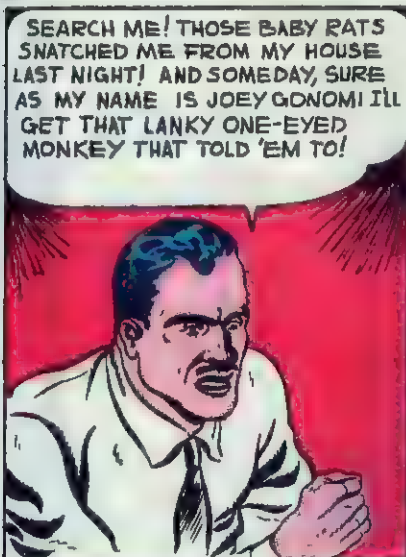
AN HOUR LATER TEX AND BOB REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS...

HEY! I THOUGHT YOU MUGGS WERE DEAD! WHAT'D THEY GET YOU FOR?

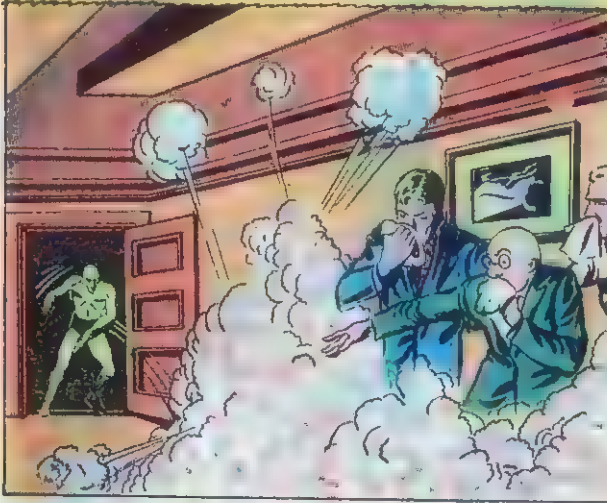
NEVER MIND THAT! WHAT HIT US?

WHO ARE YOU, SIR?

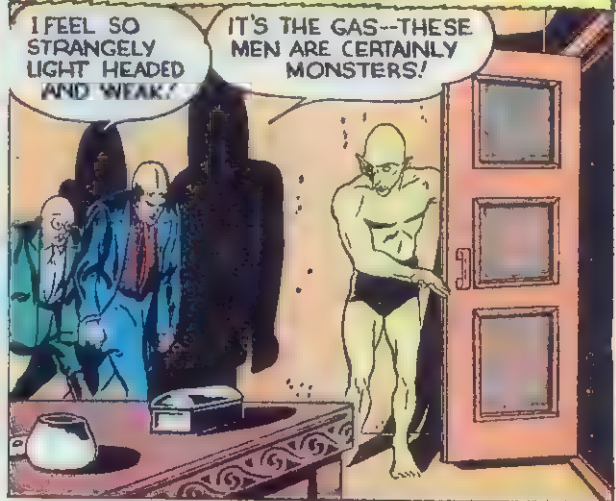




AT A SIGNAL FROM THE GORRAH, ONE OF THE RAT MEN THROWS A GAS BOMB INTO THE ROOM.



WEAKENED BY THE POWERFUL GAS, TEX AND BOB ARE RENDERED HELPLESS....

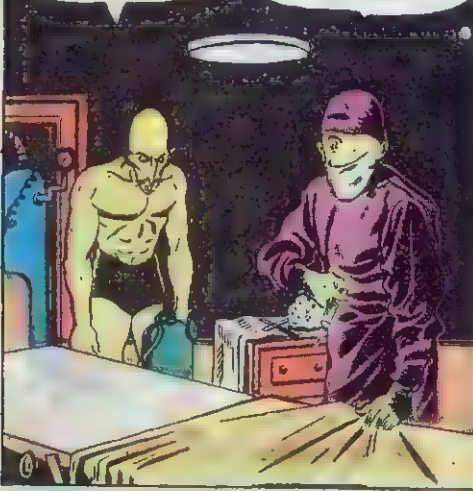


I FEEL SO STRANGELY LIGHT HEADED AND 'WEAK.'

IT'S THE GAS--THESE MEN ARE CERTAINLY MONSTERS!

THEY ARE HERE, MASTER!

GOOD--PUT THEM ON THE OPERATING TABLES.

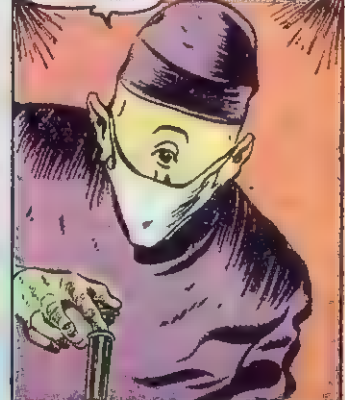


IN JUST A MOMENT, MR. THOMPSON YOU WILL BE HELPLESS, LIKE THAT FIGHT MANAGER. THEN, IN A WEEK OR SO YOUR EARS WILL GROW, BUT NOW--I HAVE USE FOR YOU.



UNABLE TO DEFEND HIMSELF, TEX SUBMITS AS THE GORRAH INJECTS THE STRANGE FLUID.

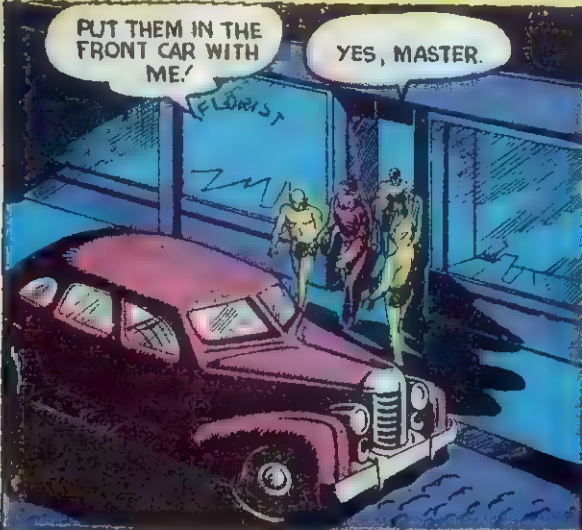
AND NOW MR. THOMPSON, I HAVE BEGUN EVENING OUR SCORE!



THE GORRAH COMMANDS HIS MEN TO REMOVE TEX AND BOB.

PUT THEM IN THE FRONT CAR WITH ME!

YES, MASTER.



A SHOT RINGS OUT!

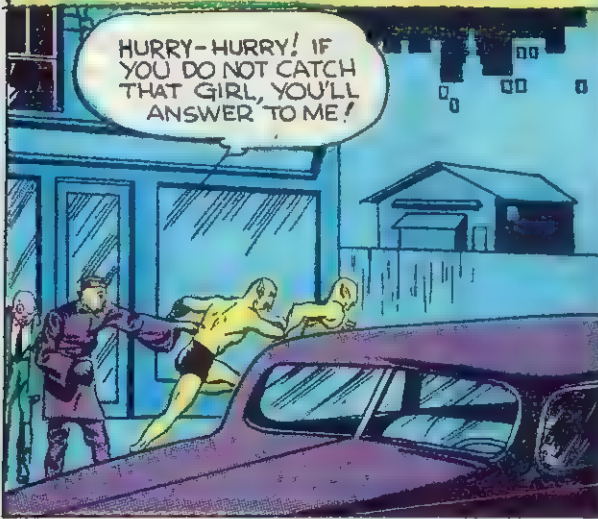


AFTER THAT PERSON! THOMPSON HAS BEEN SHOT. I WILL NOT BE CHEATED OUT OF MY REVENGE.

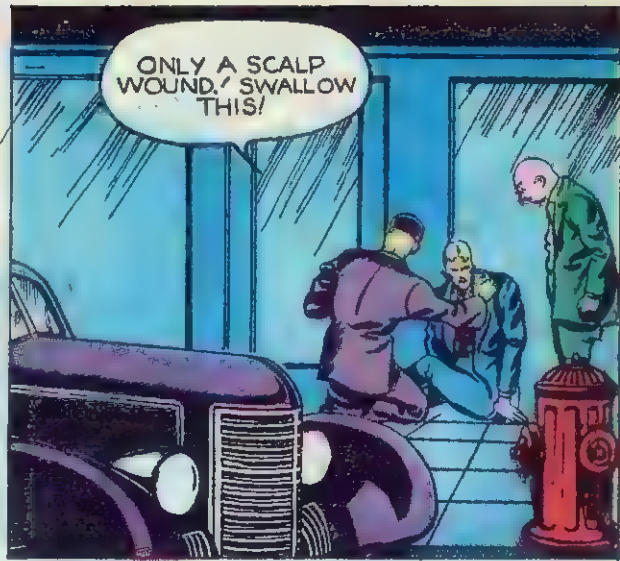


THE RAT MEN SET OUT AFTER THE INTRUDER...

HURRY-HURRY! IF YOU DO NOT CATCH THAT GIRL, YOU'LL ANSWER TO ME!



ONLY A SCALP WOUND, SWALLOW THIS!



A POLICEMAN, MASTER! THE GIRL RAN TOWARD HIM!

WE MUST HURRY! THERE IS ONLY A LITTLE TIME LEFT!

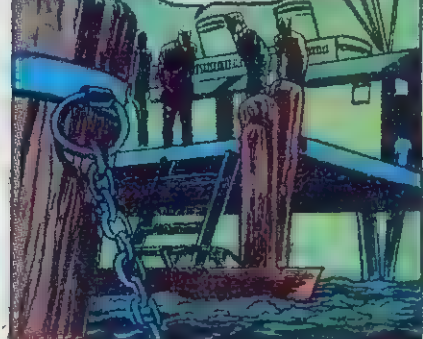


THE GORRAH'S CAR ROARS THROUGH THE NIGHT



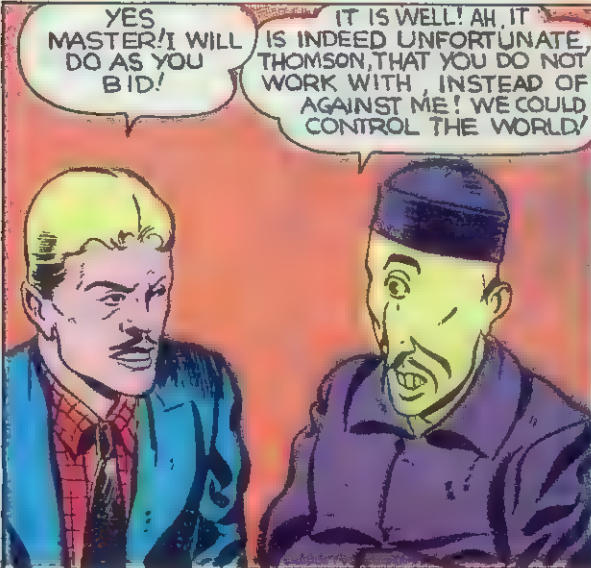
AND COMES TO A HALT AT A PIER

NOW, THOMSON, LISTEN CAREFULLY. WE ARE GOING TO PIER TWELVE WHERE A DOZEN BOMBING PLANES ARE BEING GUARDED! BUT YOU ARE KNOWN, THEREFORE YOU WILL TALK TO THE GUARDS WHILE WE STEAL IN AND PLANT OUR BOMBS!



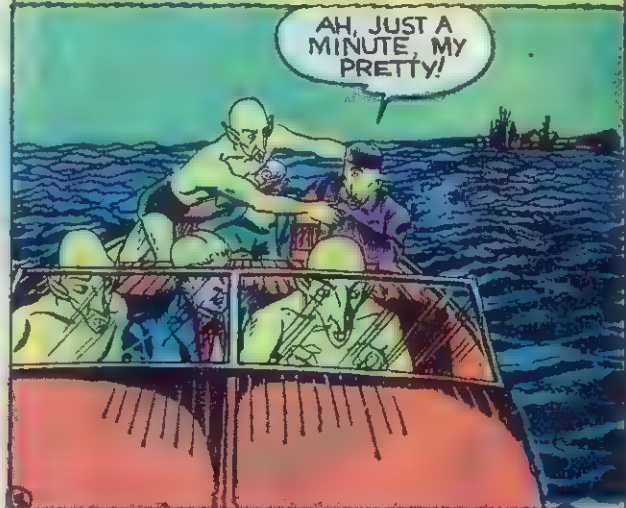
YES MASTER! I WILL DO AS YOU BID!

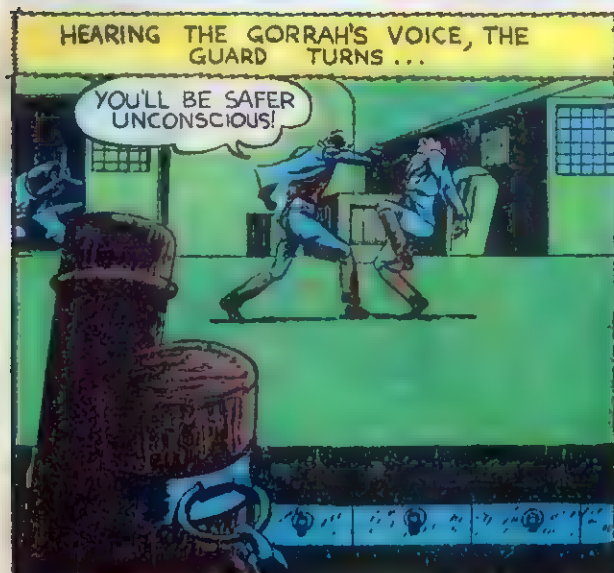
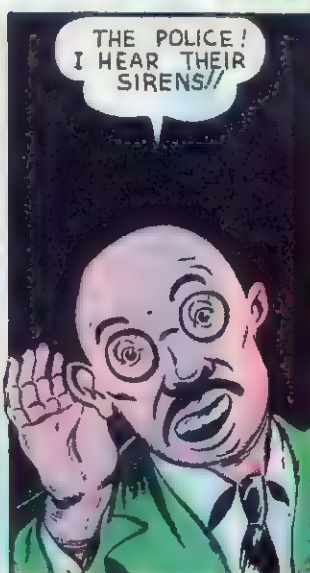
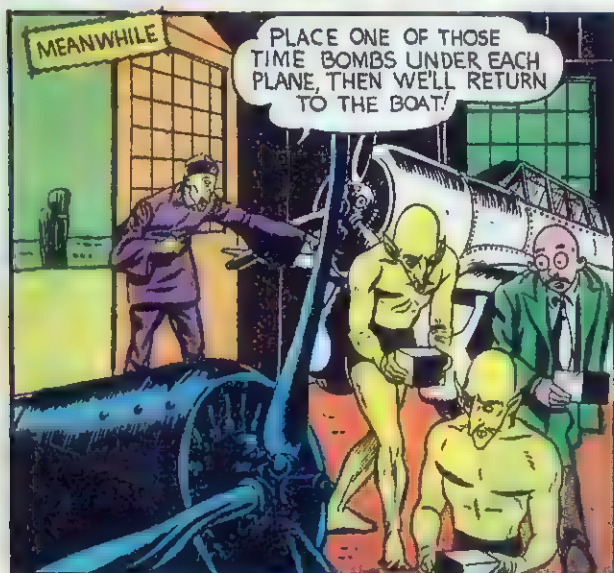
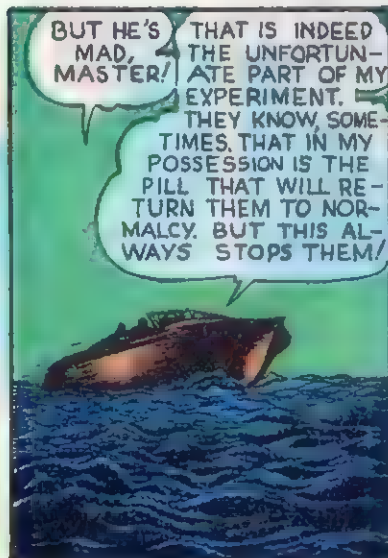
IT IS WELL! AH, IT IS INDEED UNFORTUNATE, THOMSON, THAT YOU DO NOT WORK WITH, INSTEAD OF AGAINST ME! WE COULD CONTROL THE WORLD!

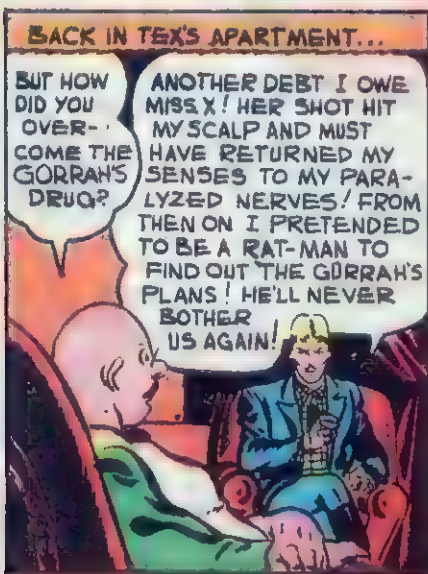
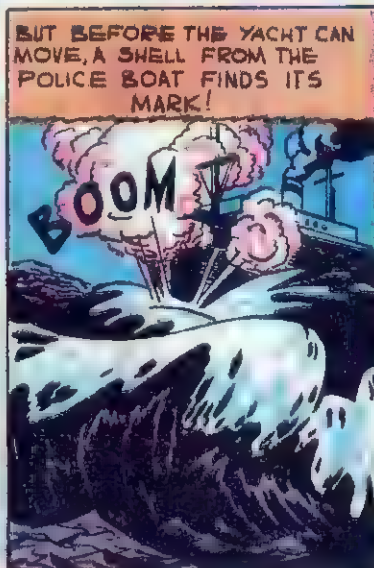
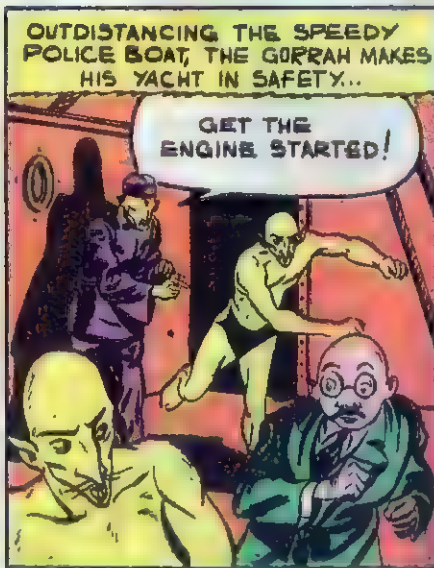
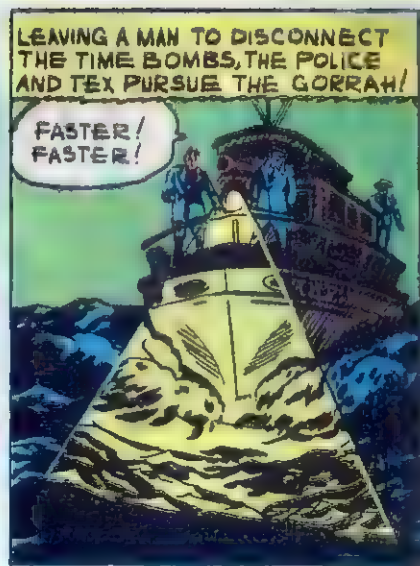
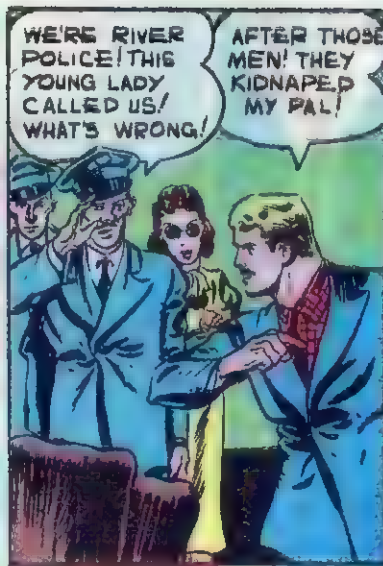


AS THE BOAT DOCKS AT PIER TWELVE, ONE OF THE RAT MEN SEEMS TO GO MAD!

AH, JUST A MINUTE, MY PRETTY!



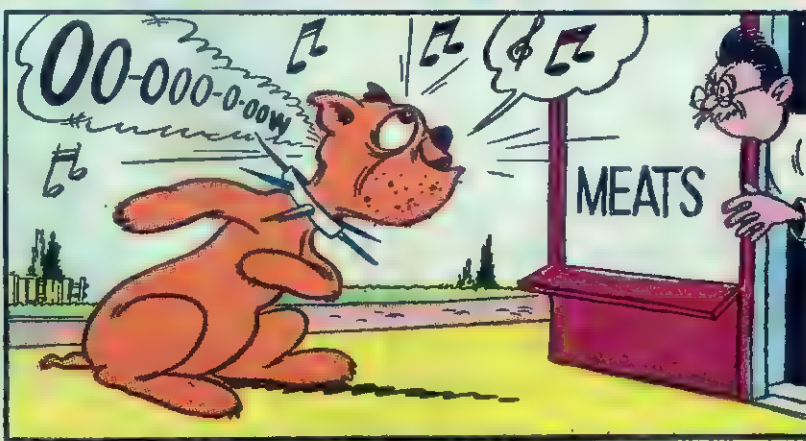
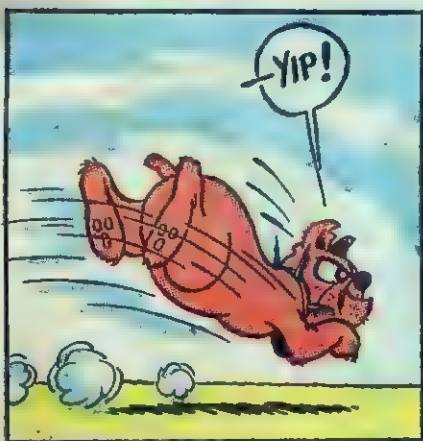
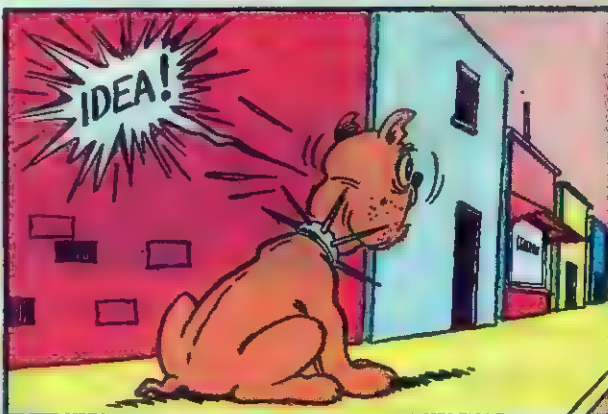
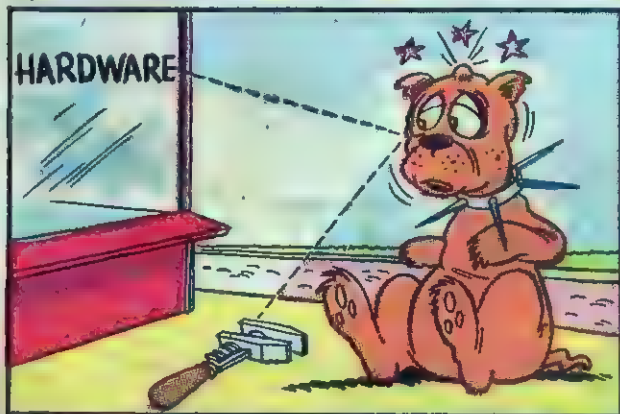
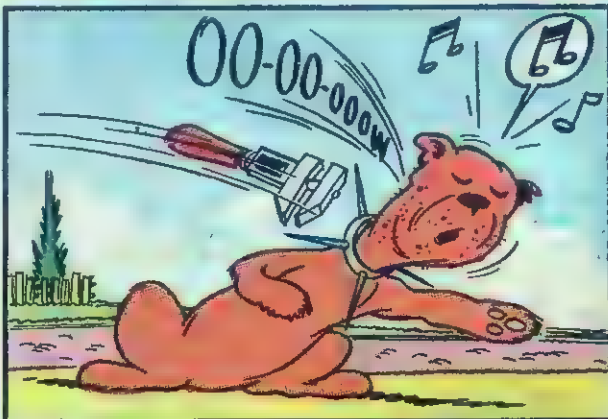
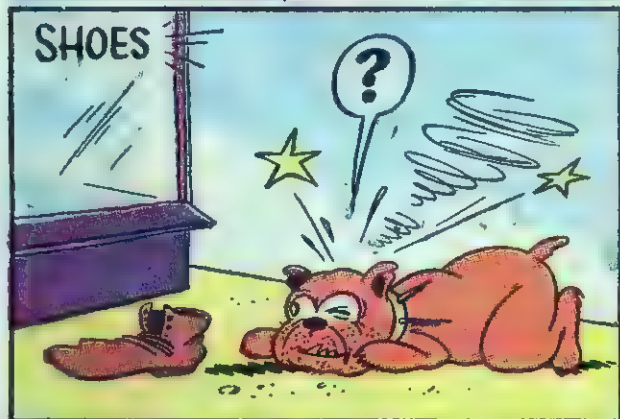
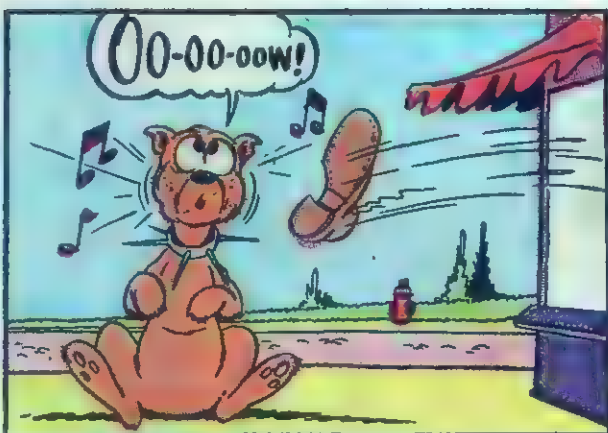
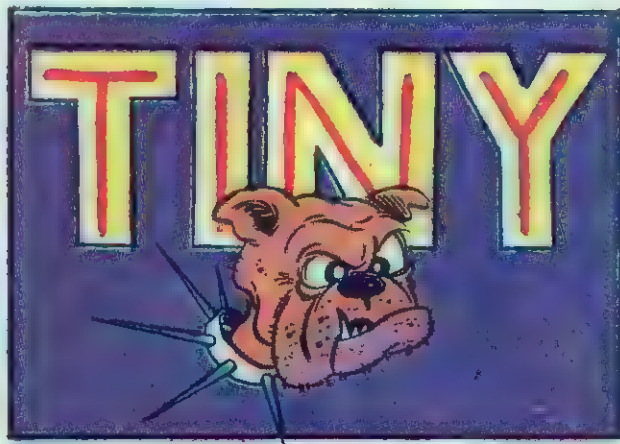




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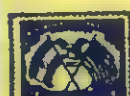
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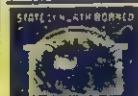
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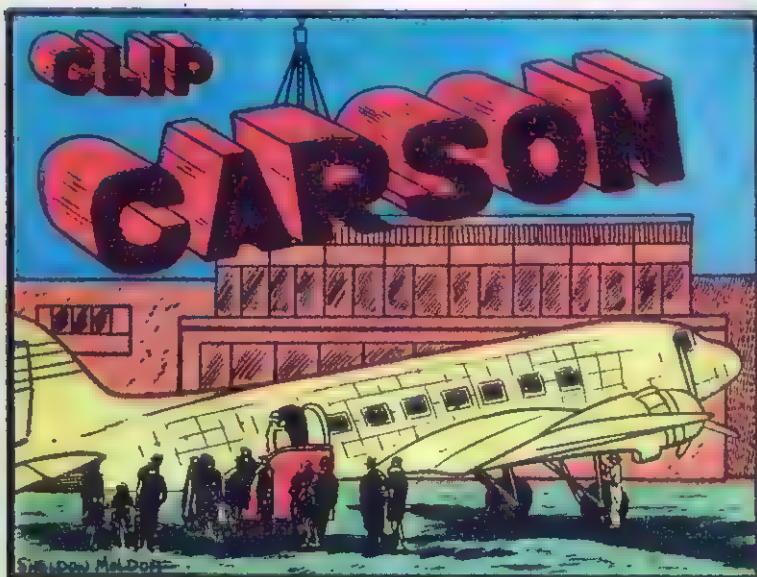
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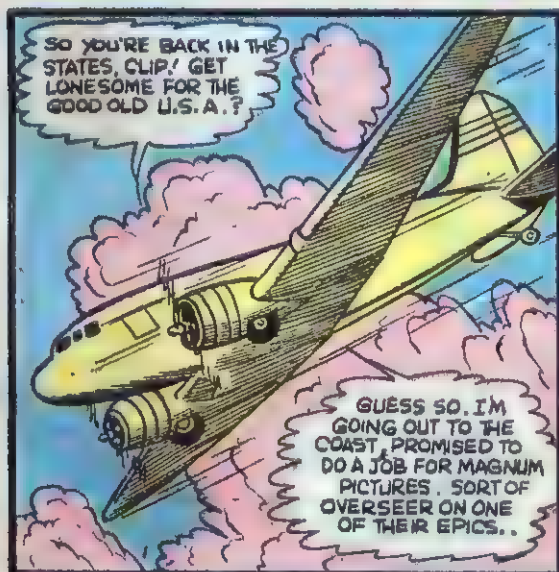


FLYING FROM NEW YORK TO HOLLYWOOD WHERE HE WILL ACT AS TECHNICAL ADVISER ON AN ADVENTURE PICTURE, CLIP CARSON, SOLDIER OF FORTUNE, MEETS AN OLD PAL ...

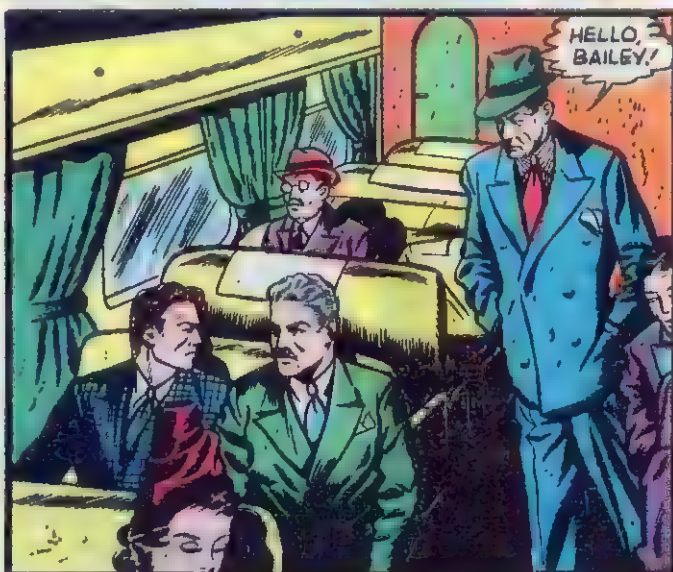


CLIP! YOU OLD WAR-HORSE...

BUZZ BAILEY! WELL IF THIS ISN'T A SURPRISE!



GUESS SO. I'M GOING OUT TO THE COAST, PROMISED TO DO A JOB FOR MAGNUM PICTURES. SORT OF OVERSEER ON ONE OF THEIR EPICS..

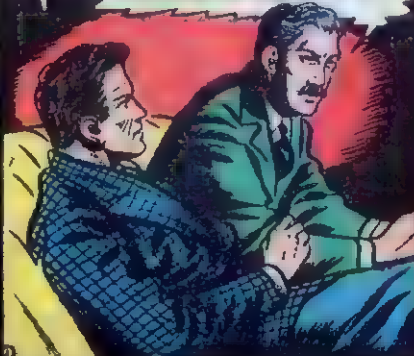


HELLO, BAILEY!

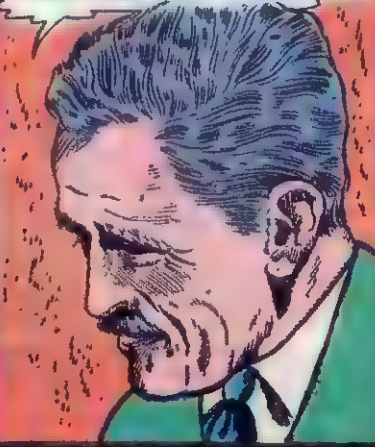
BUZZ MERELY NODS AT THE MAN. AND THE STRANGER PASSES ON TO HIS SEAT..

WHO WAS THAT BUZZ? YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO LIKE HIM.

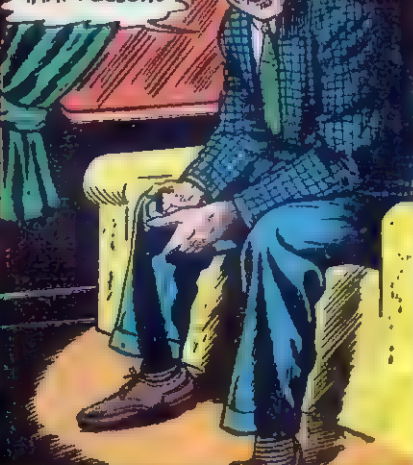
I DON'T. HE'S A SHADY PRODUCER. SNYDER'S HIS NAME. BETWEEN YOU AND ME HE STEALS MOST OF HIS PICTURES. SNYDER'S PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ASSIGNED TO...

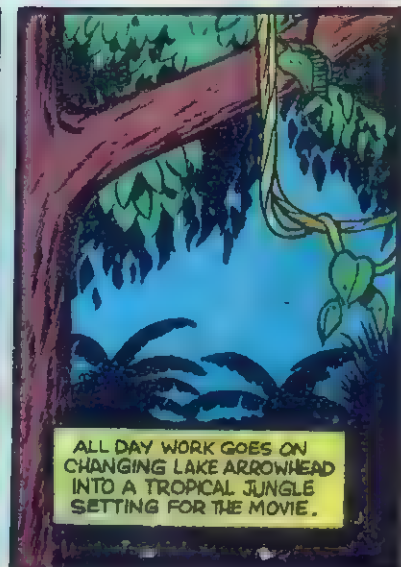
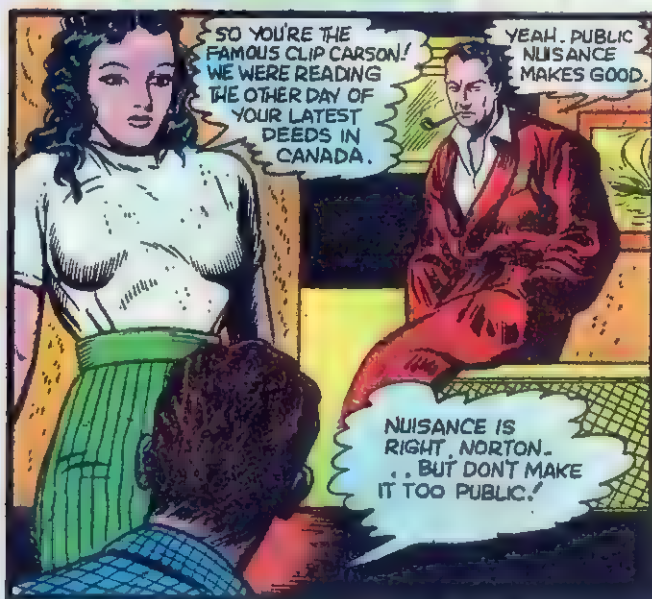
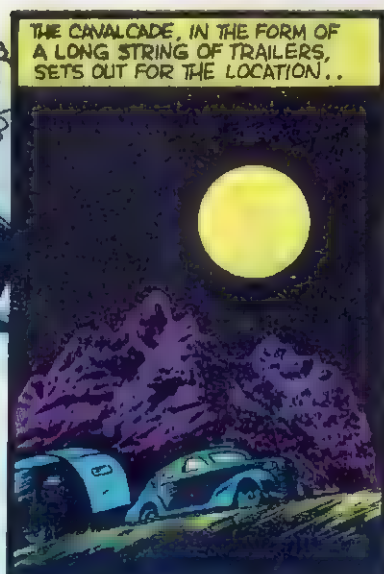
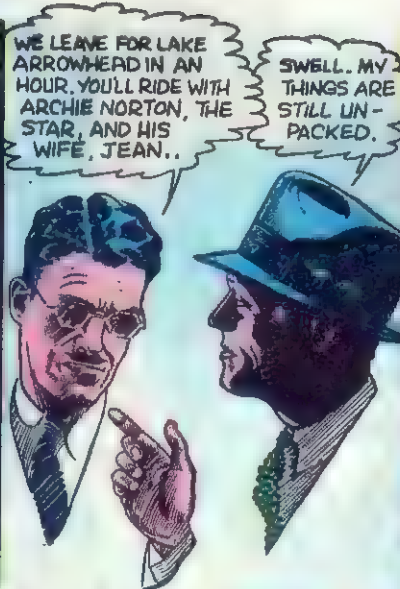
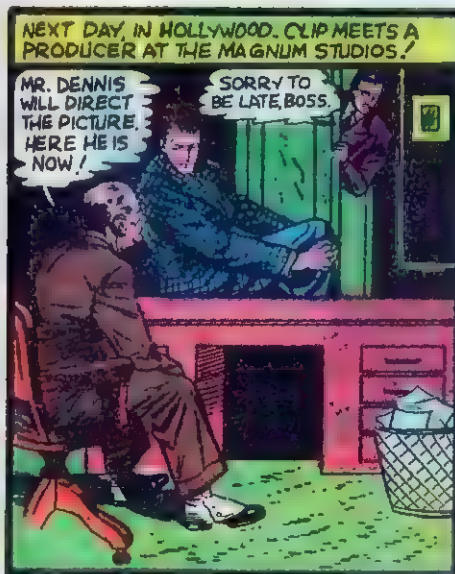


HIDDEN SPOTS WHEN A COMPANY IS WORKING ON A PICTURE. WITH TELEPHOTO LENSES THEY SHOOT HIS ACTION AND IT DOESN'T COST THEM A CENT.



SOUNDS INTERESTING. I'LL HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT FELLOW.





EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, SHOOTING IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...

READY TO
SHOOT,
MR. DENNIS.

ACTION..
LIGHTS..
CAMERA!!

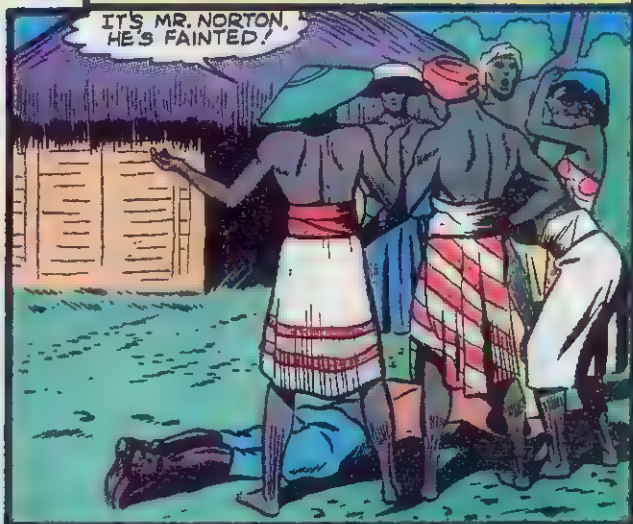


A BATTLE BETWEEN A
SAFARI AND A HORDE
OF SAVAGES BEGINS..
THE CAMERAS GRIND
AWAY...

THE FILMING MOVES ALONG SMOOTHLY, WHEN SUDDENLY...

WELL, HOW DO YOU
LIKE THE
MOVIE
INDUSTRY
CLIP?

SAY, THIS IS THE
REAL MC COY.



IT'S MR. NORTON!
HE'S FAINTED!

HE HASN'T
FAINTED.
SOMEONE'S
SHOT HIM..
HE'S DEAD!

WHAT! SOMEBODY GET
MIKE.
THE PROPERTY MAN..
QUICK. THIS IS
TERRIBLE!

THE PROPERTY MAN ARRIVES...

THOSE BLANK BULLETS
MIKE.. ARE YOU SURE
THEY WERE ALL RIGHT.

ABSOLUTELY. I
KEPT THEM LOCKED
AT ALL TIMES.



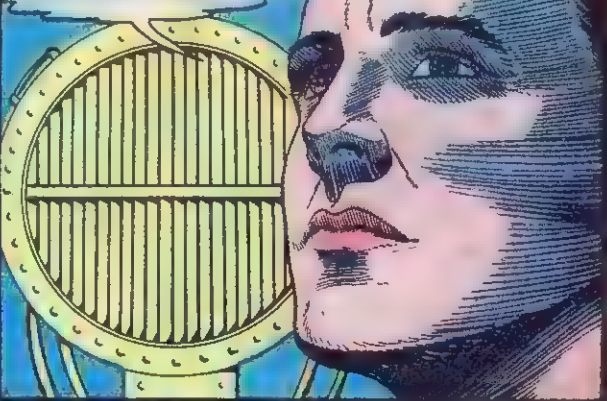
DENNIS DISMISSES THE COMPANY TO TALK TO THE POLICE ...

IT LOOKS TO ME AS THOUGH SOMEBODY WANTED TO GET NORTON OUT OF THE WAY. THE PERCENTAGE AGAINST HIS GETTING HIT IN THAT MOB IS TOO BIG TO MAKE IT ACCIDENTAL.

I'M INCLINED TO AGREE WITH YOU. ... BUT I HAVE A PLAN.



WE CAN HAVE THE DOCTOR SAY I MADE A MISTAKE, AND THAT THROUGH ADRENALIN, NORTON'S HEART ACTION WAS RESTORED. WHOEVER WANTED TO GET HIM WILL PROBABLY TAKE ANOTHER CRACK.

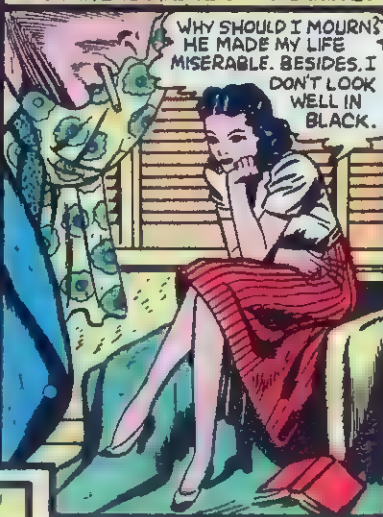


IT'S IRREGULAR, BUT WE COULD TRY IT...

I'M IN FAVOR OF IT. WE MUST FIND NORTON'S KILLER.



CLIP PAYS A VISIT TO MRS. NORTON, EXPECTING TO FIND HER IN MOURNING.



WHY SHOULD I MOURN? HE MADE MY LIFE MISERABLE. BESIDES, I DON'T LOOK WELL IN BLACK.

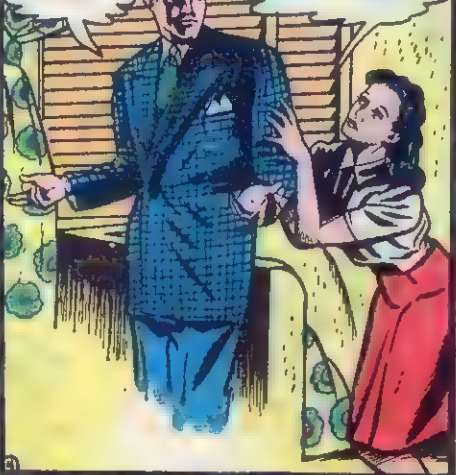
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN A SHOT AT HIM, YOURSELF, WOULD YOU?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. IT WAS STRICTLY AN ACCIDENT. BESIDES, MY NECK IS TOO PRETTY FOR A ROPE.

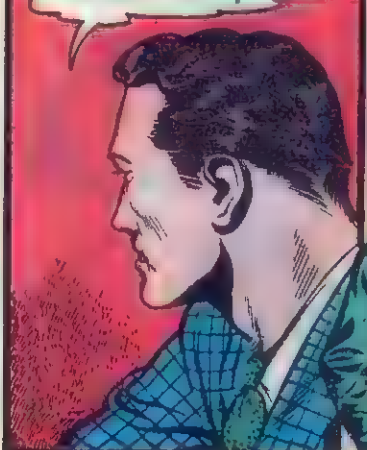


THEN YOU'LL BE PLEASED TO KNOW YOUR HUSBAND IS NOT DEAD. ADRENALIN RESTORED HIS HEART ACTION.

NOT DEAD? TAKE ME TO HIM... IMMEDIATELY!



SORRY. NO ONE CAN SEE HIM. DOCTOR'S ORDERS! NORTON INSISTS HE'S GOING TO WORK TOMORROW. HE'S GOT GUTS!



AS CLIP LEAVES THE WOMAN...

CLIP! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. GIVE ME THE LOWDOWN. I WANT AN EXCLUSIVE THIS TIME.

SORRY, BUZZ, NOT YET. BUT COME WITH ME. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.

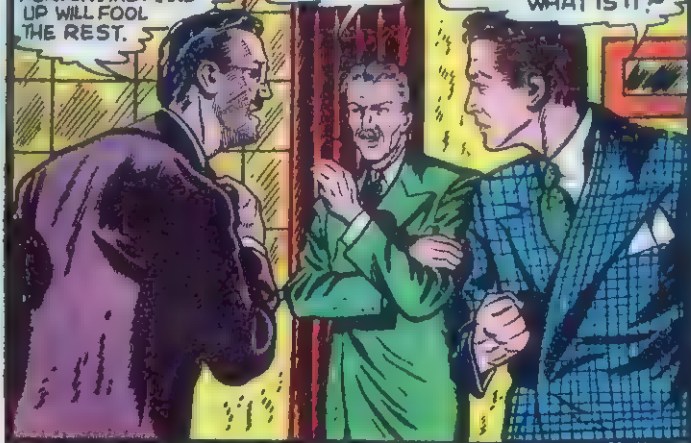


CLIP TELLS BAILEY AND DENNIS OF A TRICK HE PLANS..

WHY, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! ANY ACTOR CAN PLAY NORTON. THE MAKE-UP WILL FOOL THE REST.

I HOPE THERE'S NO MORE MURDER.

YOU'RE SURE JITTERY, FOOLING WITH THAT THING ON YOUR NECK. WHAT IS IT?



AS CLIP REACHES FOR THE INSTRUMENT, DENNIS JERKS BACK..

OH, THAT.. IT'S JUST AN INSTRUMENT FOR SHOWING THE SCENE AS IT APPEARS TO THE CAMERA. BUT I NEVER LET ANYONE TOUCH IT. SUPERSTITION, YOU KNOW.

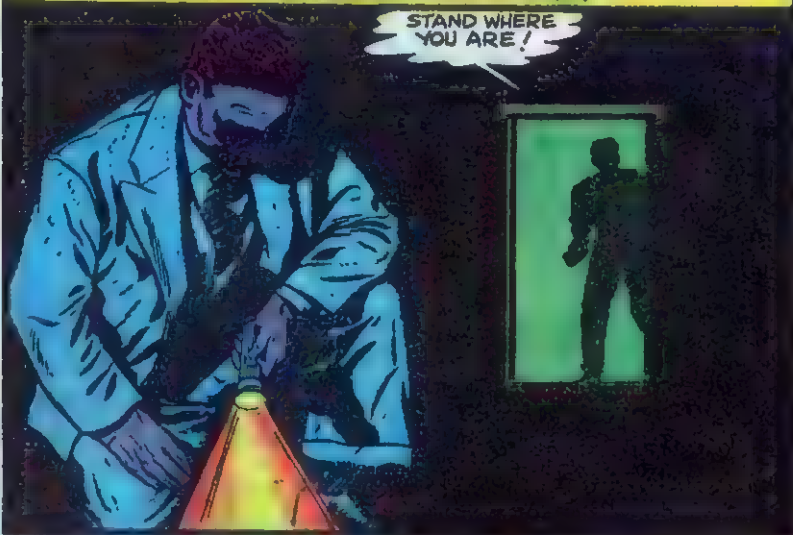


LATER THAT NIGHT, CLIP DECIDES TO HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE BODY..



... AND FINDS A PROWLER THERE, AHEAD OF HIM..

STAND WHERE YOU ARE!



BUT JUST THEN, SOMEONE HITS CLIP FROM BEHIND...



CLIP REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS!!

ALL I GOT OUT OF THAT WAS A HEADACHE AND A PIECE OF RIBBON.. OUCH.. MY HEAD...

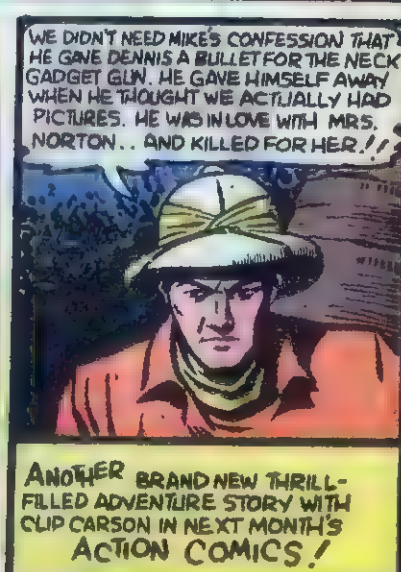
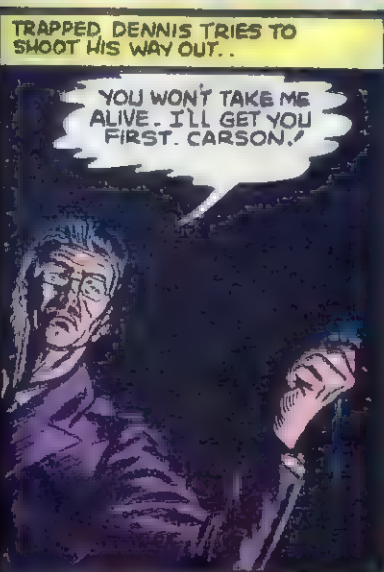
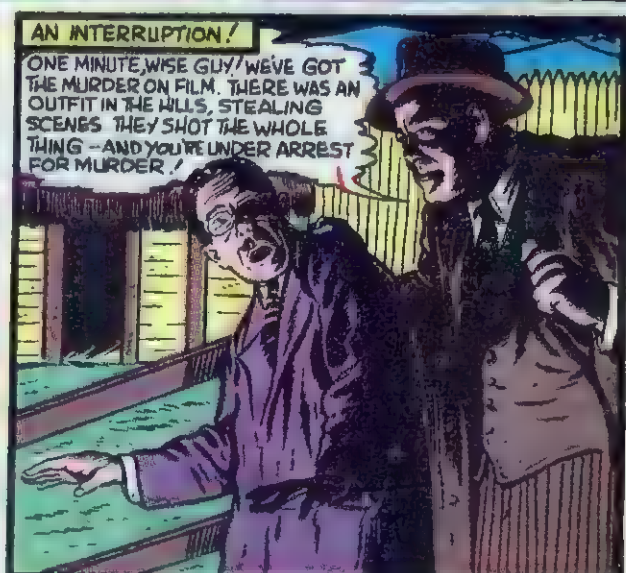
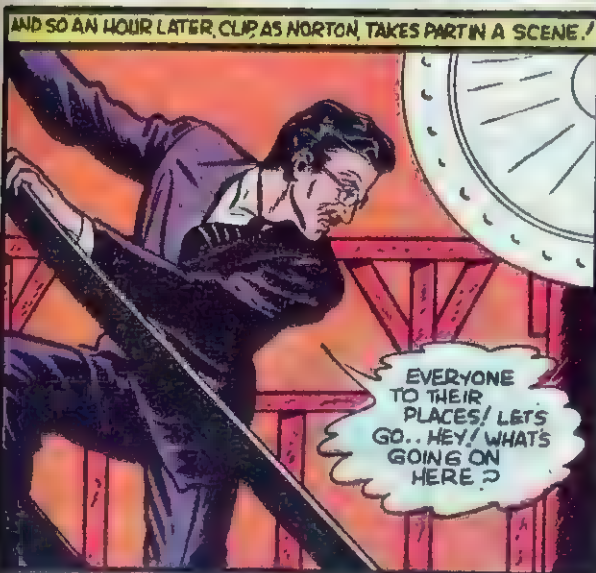
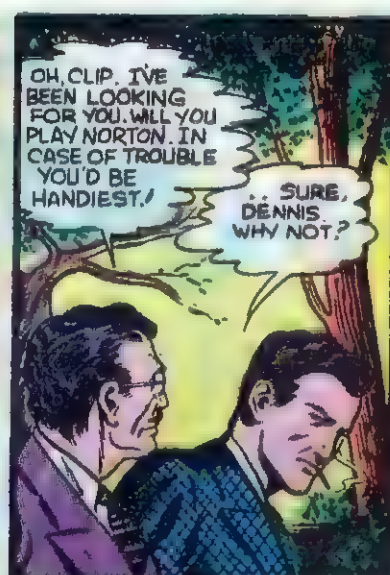


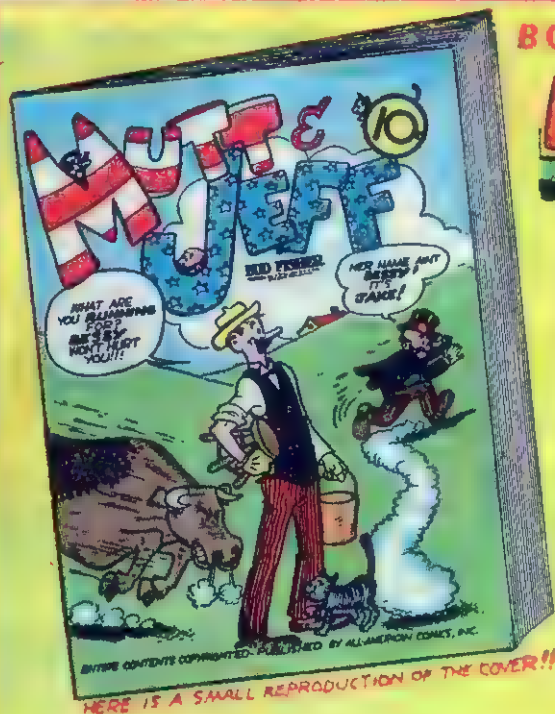
RETURNING, CLIP MEETS DENNIS COMING FROM MRS. NORTON'S TRAILER...

HELLO, DENNIS. WHAT KEEPS YOU UP SO LATE!

OH.. ER.. I.. I WAS JUST GOING OVER A SCENE WITH MRS. NORTON. WE'VE GOT TO GET A GOOD PICTURE TOMORROW. ER.. GOOD-NIGHT.







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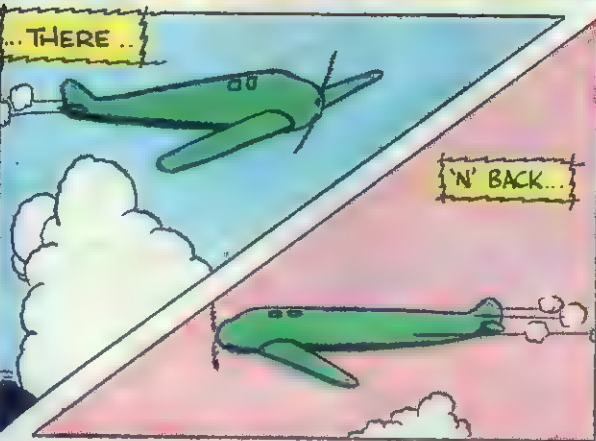
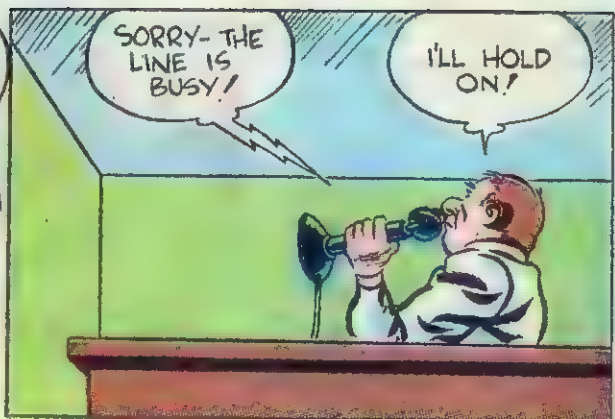
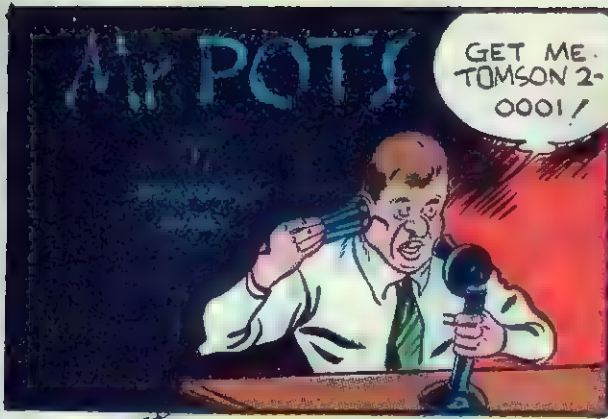
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WHEN WERE
BUTTONS
FIRST USED?



IS RICH
IN PURE
DEXTROSE
THE SUGAR
YOUR BODY USES
DIRECTLY
FOR ENERGY



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IN EUROPE

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ZATARA

THE MASTER MAGICIAN

AND THE

VANISHED EXPLORER

BY FRED GUARDINEER

RAOUL D'ARMAND, THE FAMOUS FRENCH EXPLORER, HAS BEEN LOST IN THE WILDS OF EQUATORIAL AFRICA NEAR THE WATERS OF LAKE TANGANYIKA.



IN THE ADVENTURER'S CLUB OF NEW YORK HIS LOSS IS SERIOUSLY DISCUSSED.

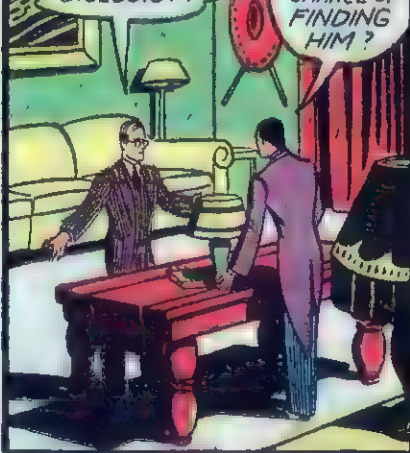
RAOUL WAS ON THE TRAIL OF THE MISSING LINK--THAT ABSENT MEMBER OF A RACE THAT IS SUPPOSED TO SHOW OUR DESCENT FROM THE APE!

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!



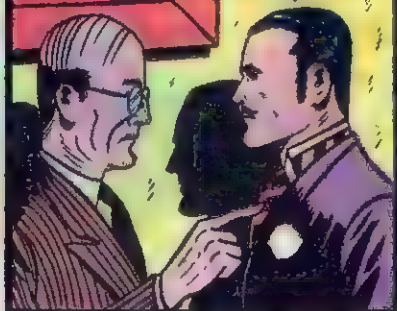
A GREAT LOSS TO THE WORLD! D'ARMAND WAS A MARVELOUS BIOLOGIST!

DO YOU THINK I'D HAVE ANY CHANCE OF FINDING HIM?



IF YOU WERE SUCCESSFUL--YOU'D RANK WITH STANLEY--WHO FOUND DOCTOR LIVINGSTON!

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN FAME--ALL I'D LIKE IS TO SAVE D'ARMAND'S VALUABLE LIFE FOR THE WORLD TO PROFIT BY HIS KNOWLEDGE!



ZATARA MAKES PREPARATIONS FOR HIS TRIP TO AFRICA...

THIS IS PROBABLY A WILD-GOOSE CHASE, LONG BUT WE'VE BEEN SO INACTIVE THE PAST MONTH--

ME KNOW! ME GET TIRED OF LOAFING, TOO!



BUT AT THE DOCK SOMETHING OCCURS THAT WARNS ZATARA ALL IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY IN THIS SEARCH...

MASTER-LOOK QUICK!



AN ASSASSIN--ABOUT TO SHOOT ZATARA!

NUG EB NOOLLAB!





WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE! HE-ELP!

I'LL HELP YOU- IF YOU TELL ME WHY YOU SHOT AT ME!

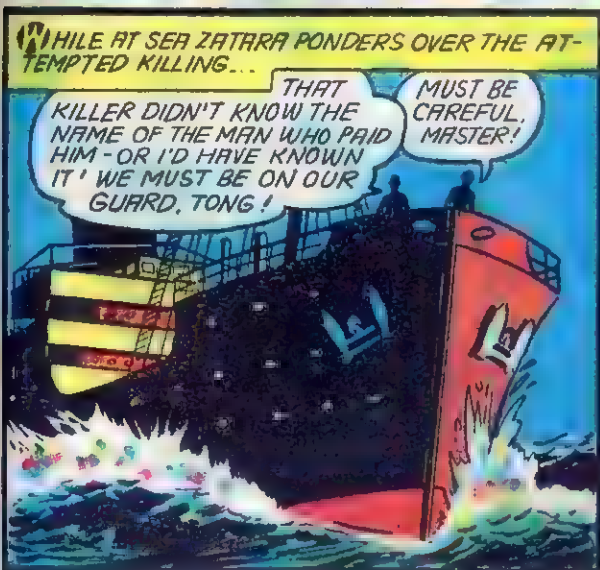


I'LL TELL YOU- ONLY SAVE ME!



YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND. NOW-TALK!

YOU WERE OVER-HEARD AT THE AD-VENTURER'S CLUB AS YOU PROMISED TO GO AFTER RAOUL D'ARMAND. A MAN GAVE ME MONEY TO STOP YOU BY SHOOTING YOU!



WHILE AT SEA ZATARA PONDER'S OVER THE AT-TEMPTED KILLING...

THAT KILLER DIDN'T KNOW THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO PAID HIM - OR I'D HAVE KNOWN IT! WE MUST BE ON OUR GUARD, TONG!

MUST BE CAREFUL, MASTER!



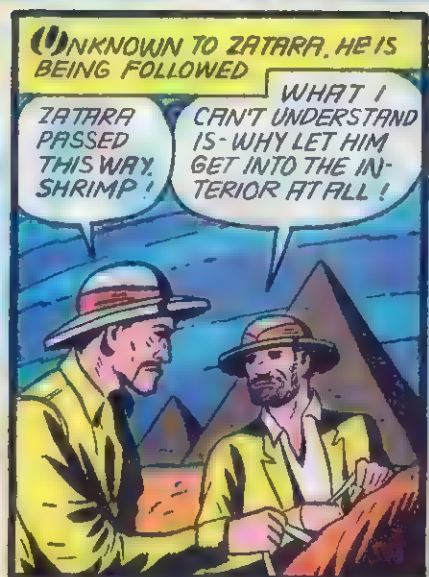
AT CAIRO ZATARA ARRANGES FOR A CARAVAN INTO THE INTERIOR...

I'LL NEED BEARERS AND GUN-CARRIERS. ALSO A GUIDE

IT SHALL BE ARRANGED!



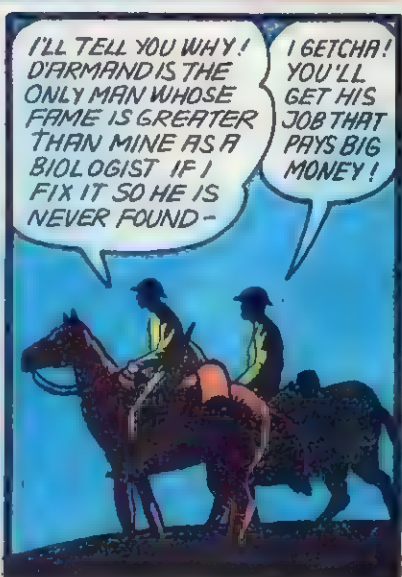
ONTO THE SAHARA GOES THE LITTLE CAMEL TRAIN...



UNKNOWN TO ZATARA, HE IS BEING FOLLOWED

ZATARA PASSED THIS WAY, SHRIMP!

WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS - WHY LET HIM GET INTO THE INTERIOR AT ALL!



I'LL TELL YOU WHY! D'ARMAND IS THE ONLY MAN WHOSE FAME IS GREATER THAN MINE AS A BIOLOGIST IF I FIX IT SO HE IS NEVER FOUND -

I GETCHA! YOU'LL GET HIS JOB THAT PAYS BIG MONEY!



ZATARA WILL FIND D'ARMAND IF HE ISN'T DEAD! AFTER HE DOES MY WORK- I STEP IN AND FINISH BOTH OF 'EM!

THAT'S WHY YOU HIRED THE GUNMAN TO KILL ZATARA! WHEN HE FAILED TO GET HIM- YOU-

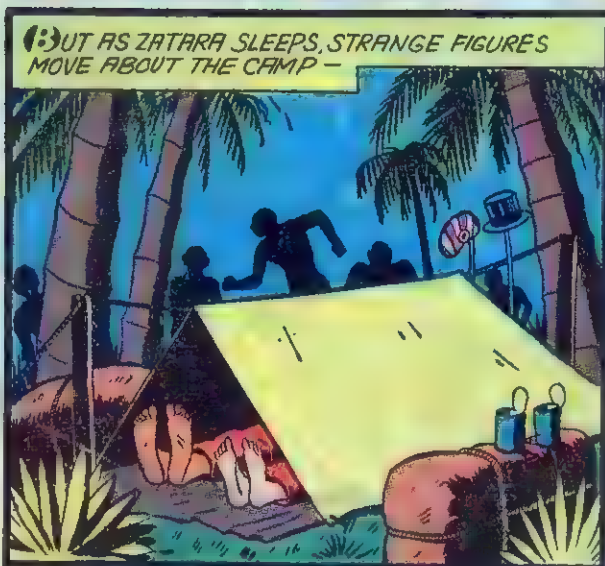


I DECIDED TO FOLLOW ZATARA MYSELF. HE SHALL NEVER LEAVE AFRICA ALIVE- UNLESS RAOUL D'ARMAND IS TRULY DEAD!



100 YARDS AHEAD OF THEIR PURSUERS -
THIS WILL DO FOR A CAMP SITE!

ME ATTEND TO EVERYTHING, MASTER!



3 BUT AS ZATARA SLEEPS, STRANGE FIGURES MOVE ABOUT THE CAMP -



WE GET RICH HAUL HERE. GUNS, FOOD, BLANKETS, BEADS-

LET US GO WHILE HE SLEEPS. 'TIS SAID HE BE A GREAT MAGICIAN!



THE NATIVE BEARERS DESERT ZATARA, STEALING ALL HIS GOODS -

HURRY- IT IS NEARLY DAWN!



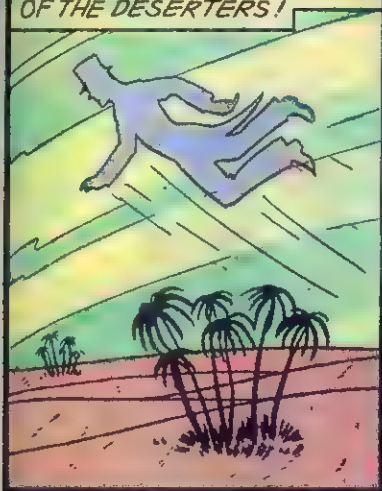
4 AND AS DAWN BREAKS A SURPRISED TONG SURVEYS THE CAMP!

MASTER, MASTER - ALL MEN GONE!



THEY STOLE ALL OUR GOODS! THOSE NATIVES MUST BE MADE TO SUFFER FOR THIS!

ZATARA-IN SPIRIT- RUSHES OVER THE DESERT IN SEARCH OF THE DESERTERS!



HE FINDS THEM CELEBRATING THEIR THEFT!

TO STEAL IS WRONG. I SHALL HAVE TO TEACH THESE NATIVES A LESSON! **SDOOG ETAREB MEHT!**



THE STARTLED THIEVES ARE BEATEN BY THE STOLEN GOODS!

THIEVES! MISERABLE WRETCHES TO DESERT ZATARA! HELP! HELP!



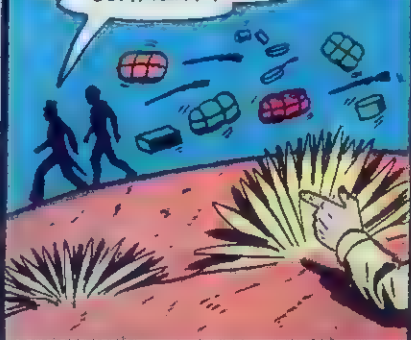
WE LEAVE YOU WHO HAVE STOLEN US AND RETURN TO OUR TRUE OWNER, ZATARA!

FORGIVE US-WE KNEW NOT WHAT WE DID!



FORCED TO DO WITHOUT BEARERS, ZATARA CAUSES HIS GUNS TO SOAR IN THE AIR -

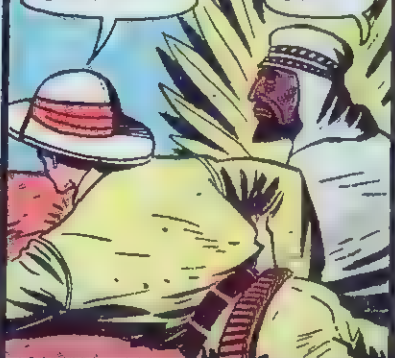
THIS PROCESSION LOOKS FUNNY WITH THOSE GUNS AND THINGS FLOATING IN MIDAIR. THAT'S WHY I HIRED BEARERS TO AVOID CAUSING COMMENT!



KEEN EYES WATCH THE STRANGE CARAVAN---

YOU WILL BE WELL REWARDED TO KILL THIS ZATARA AFTER HE FINDS RAOUL D'ARMAND!

ALLAH AKBAR- THE UNBELIEVER SHALL DIE!



SO AS ZATARA FORCES HIS WAY INTO THE INTERIOR--

SEERT DNA SEHSUB WOB NWOD!

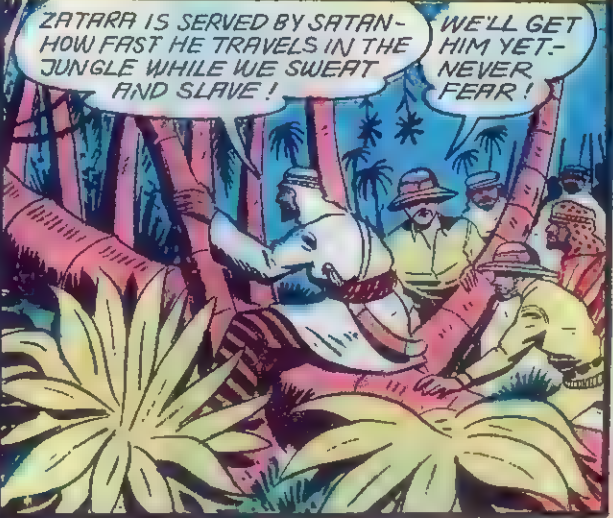
YOU SAVE ME WORK WITH KNIFE MASTER!

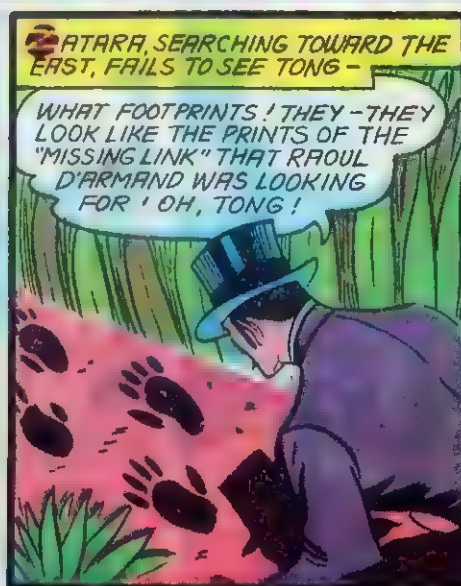
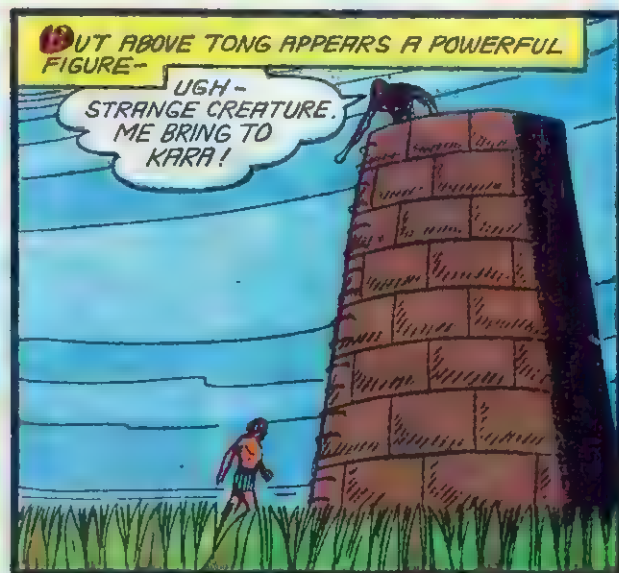
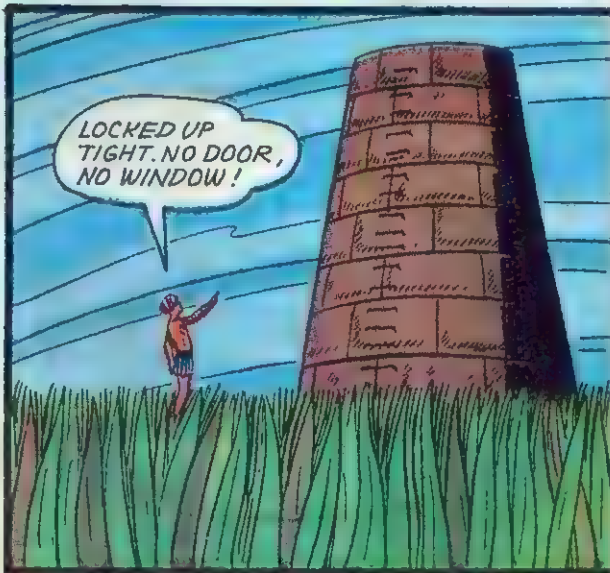
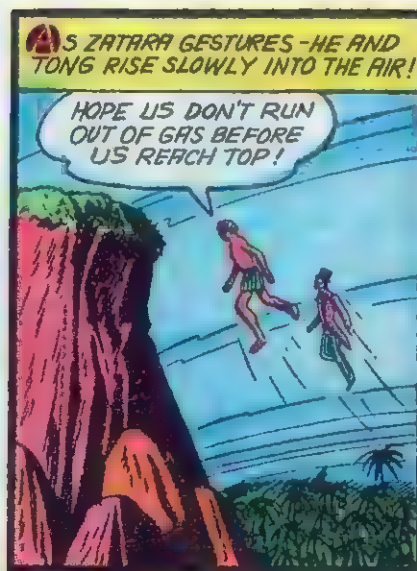


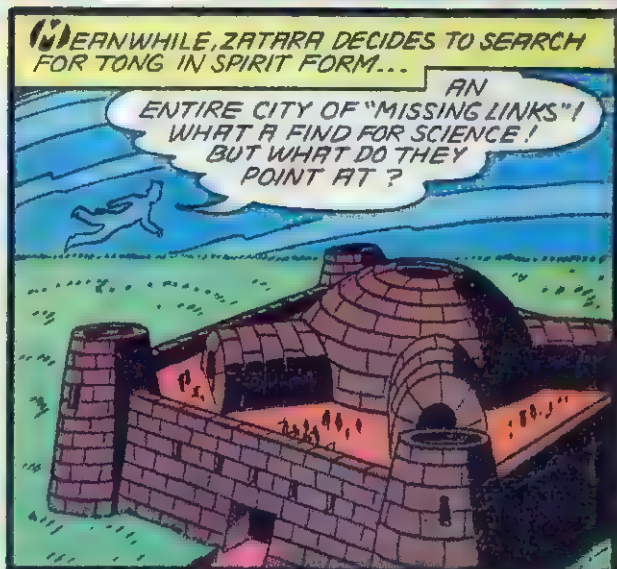
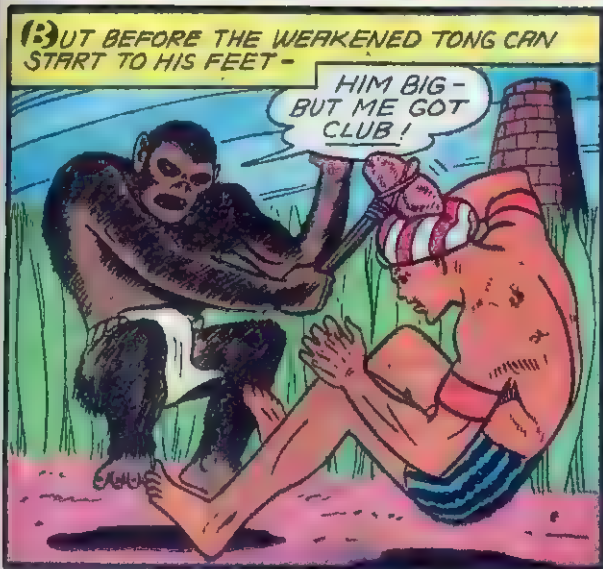
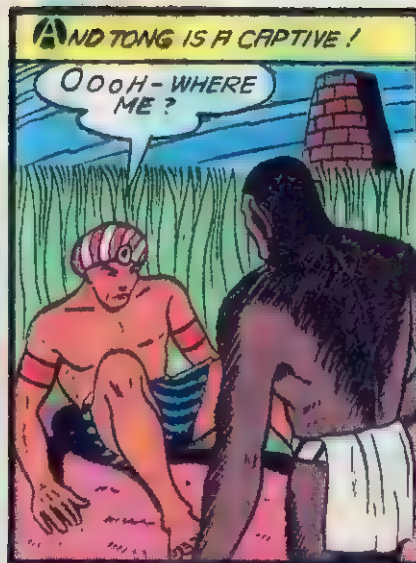
HE IS PURSUED BY HOT-EYED ARAB KILLERS!!

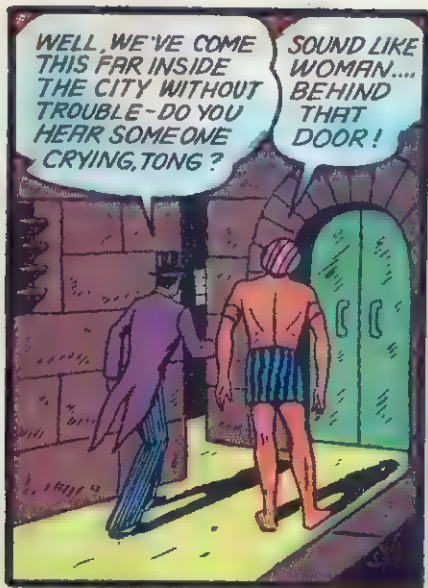
ZATARA IS SERVED BY SATAN-HOW FAST HE TRAVELS IN THE JUNGLE WHILE WE SWEAT AND SLAVE!

WE'LL GET HIM YET- NEVER FEAR!









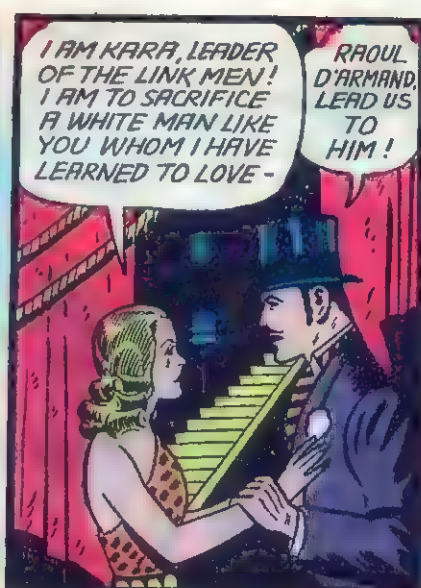
WELL, WE'VE COME THIS FAR INSIDE THE CITY WITHOUT TROUBLE-DO YOU HEAR SOMEONE CRYING, TONG?

SOUND LIKE WOMAN.... BEHIND THAT DOOR!



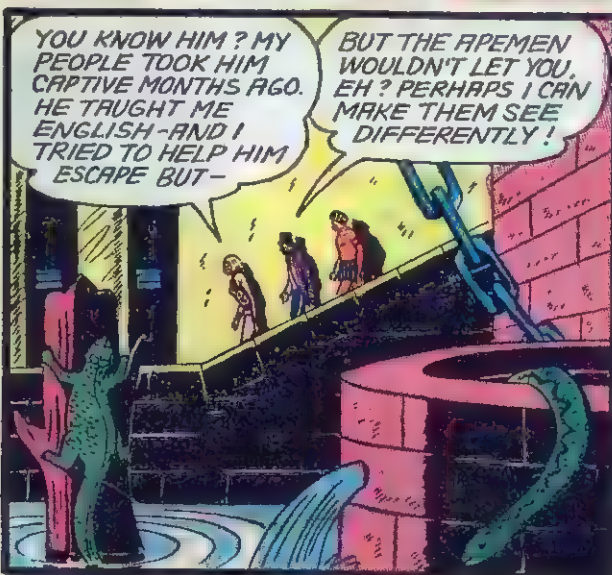
PARDON ME- BUT MAY WE BE OF HELP?

OH!



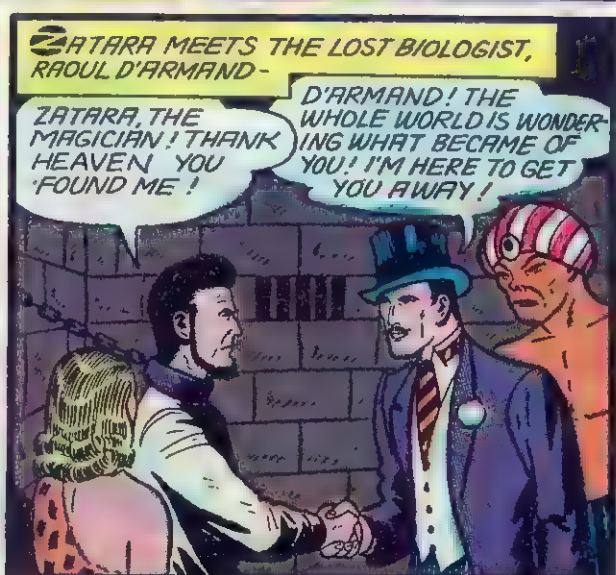
I AM KARA, LEADER OF THE LINK MEN! I AM TO SACRIFICE A WHITE MAN LIKE YOU WHOM I HAVE LEARNED TO LOVE-

RAOUL D'ARMAND, LEAD US TO HIM!



YOU KNOW HIM? MY PEOPLE TOOK HIM CAPTIVE MONTHS AGO. HE TAUGHT ME ENGLISH-AND I TRIED TO HELP HIM ESCAPE BUT-

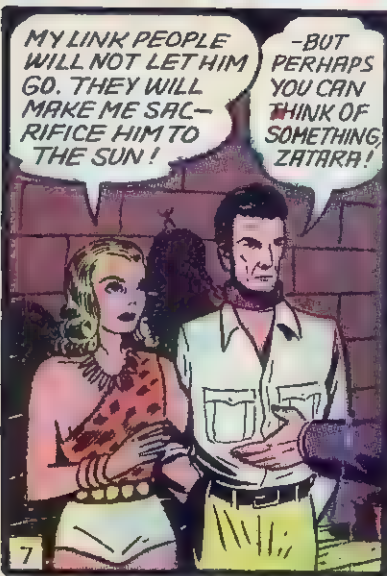
BUT THE APEMEN WOULDN'T LET YOU, EH? PERHAPS I CAN MAKE THEM SEE DIFFERENTLY!



ZATARA MEETS THE LOST BIOLOGIST, RAOUL D'ARMAND-

ZATARA, THE MAGICIAN! THANK HEAVEN YOU FOUND ME!

D'ARMAND! THE WHOLE WORLD IS WONDERING WHAT BECAME OF YOU! I'M HERE TO GET YOU AWAY!



MY LINK PEOPLE WILL NOT LET HIM GO. THEY WILL MAKE ME SACRIFICE HIM TO THE SUN!

-BUT PERHAPS YOU CAN THINK OF SOMETHING, ZATARA!



I THINK I HAVE A PLAN THAT WILL TEACH THESE APEMEN A GOOD LESSON. LISTEN!



THE ARABS HAVE CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF THE PLATEAU-

THE CHASE DRAWS TO A CLOSE! SOON WE SHALL MEET OUR PREY. FROM NOW ON OUR PROGRESS SHALL BE SWIFT!

GOOD-LET'S GO!

ACROSS THE SWAYING GRASS OF THE MESA COME THE ARAB RAIDERS-



THERE LIES THE PLACE WHERE THE LOST MAN IS. I HAVE HEARD RUMORS OF SUCH A CITY!

WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE THAT IS THE PLACE?



FOR MILES AROUND I AM CHIEF OF THIS JUNGLE COUNTRY! IF D'ARMAND HAD DIED OR GONE ELSEWHERE I WOULD KNOW THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE HE CAN POSSIBLY BE!



THUS THE ARAB RAIDERS MARCH ON THE CITY OF THE LINK-MEN!



INSIDE THE CITY KARA CALLS A COUNCIL...

TODAY AT THE NOON HOUR I SHALL SACRIFICE THE STRANGER - IF THE SUN-GOD WILLS!

HE WILL WILL IT, KARA!



AS THE NOON HOUR APPROACHES

RAOUL - WILL ZATARA SUCCEED IN SAVING YOU?

NEVER FEAR, KARA - HE WILL DO WHAT HE SAYS!



IT IS ALMOST TIME, TONG. LET US GO!

ME READY, MASTER!



BUT THE ARABS SIGHT ZATARA AS HE STANDS ON THE WALL

YOU ARE MY GREATEST MARKSMAN! KILL ZATARA!



ZATARA STAGGERS -

A BULLET GOT ME -
THAT MEANS OTHER
MEN ARE HERE!

BUT IF THEY
SHOOT YOU,
THEY NOT GOOD
MEN, MASTER!



HURRY, TONG! I MUST
SAVE RAOUL AND KARA
AT ALL COSTS. IT IS
ALREADY THE HOUR
OF HIS DEATH!

ME
RUN,
MASTER!

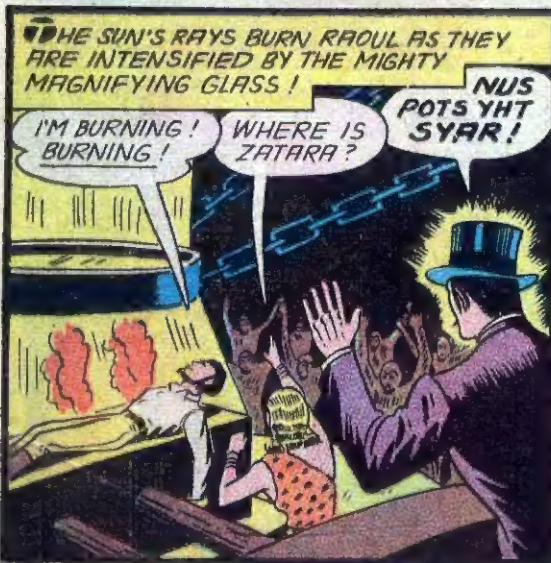


THE SUN'S RAYS BURN RAOUL AS THEY
ARE INTENSIFIED BY THE MIGHTY
MAGNIFYING GLASS!

I'M BURNING!
BURNING!

WHERE IS
ZATARA?

NUS
POTS YHT
SYAR!



THE SUN'S RAYS DARKEN..

IT GROWS
BLACK!

THE SUN IS
DISPLEASED!



AND THE ROOM
GROWS PITCH-BLACK!

TEL TI WORG
KRAD SA RAT!



AND WHEN THE
SUN SEEMS TO
GLEAM AGAIN -

KARA AND THE
STRANGER HAVE
DISAPPEARED!
THEY TRICKED US!
AFTER THEM!



ZATARA AND THE OTHERS FLEE -

WE MUST HURRY!
THE APemen WILL
SOON BE AFTER
US!

GO TO THE
LEFT, ZATARA!
FOLLOW THE
LEFT
CORRIDOR!



OUTSIDE THE CITY THE ARABS
WAIT--

